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THE TEXAS A. & M. senior range management class slated to visit the Holt-Murphy Ranch, Blanco, on May 1. Results of range conservation including dozing cedar with a Cat D7, range seeding and deferment will be shown. . . . On May 2, L. F. Sirianni will show the group his Bar S Ranch near Moore. Brushlands rootplowed with a Cat D8, gravity and sprinkler irrigation, Cat-powered irrigation wells will be points of interest. . . . A business seminar for Conservation Contractors slated May 9 at Holt's main San Antonio office. Present farm programs, working with Soil Conservation Districts, business records, how to figure your costs and how to bid among subjects on program. . . . "From Brushland to Grassland" in March issue of Soil and Water magazine gives good information as to benefits of rootplowing and seeding as does "When the Water Goes In, The Grass Comes Out" in the April issue of The Farmer-Stockman. . . . The Texas Section, American Society of Range Management's annual Range Camp for 4-H and FFA students at Junction August 11-16. Holt again to sponsor a student. . . . The Dos Rios Soil Conservation District Awards Program to be held in Tilden, Thursday, May 15, at 7:30 P.M. . . . Civic club members have the opportunity of presenting the program of the year. Available is a sound, color film entitled "The Road Ahead" . . . America has embarked on the greatest building challenge in its history . . . 60 times greater than the Panama Canal. It's the magnificent new Interstate Highway Program . . . scheduled to link the entire country with thousands of miles of super-roads. . . . In "The Road Ahead" you'll see how you, your farm, ranch or business will gain by the new roads. It will be featured on KONO-TV, Channel 12, San Antonio on May 25 at 3:00 P.M. . . . Texas and Mexico Sections of the American Society of Range Management, teaming with officials of the Devils River SCD, Del Rio, for a June 6 Field Day. Rootplowing and range seeding will be the feature attraction. . . . Reprints of "Whitehead-Wardlaw Ranch Conservation Practices Analyzed" in the March issue of Sheep and Goat Raiser available by writing Holt. Wardlaw's own two Cat D8's with Holt-built rootplows and seeders. . . . Public officials generally buy the best, most most economical equipment to accomplish their work, realizing initial price represents only the down payment on a long term investment. Recently a county demonstrated good buying practices when open bids were called for on two motor graders of the 115-horsepower class, with certain other qualifications. . . . Two bids were received, differing by \$4,386.16. In this county officials buy on "best Bid." . . . They purchased

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and Grand Ranch, just off the press. This is Series II of a Holt Range Report giving pertinent facts about rootplowing and its origin. Write Holt for your copy. . . . Officials of Liveoak County Fair requesting 1,000 copies of the booklet on small watersheds entitled "Stop Your Floods Before They Start," published by Caterpillar Tractor Co. . . . Rootplowing and reseed-ing trials for brush control and revegetation in the West Texas and Panhandle area getting under way. Cooperating agencies include Texas Ag Experiment Stations, Extension Service, Texas Tech, S.C.S. and Caterpillar Dealers. Holt initiated this program

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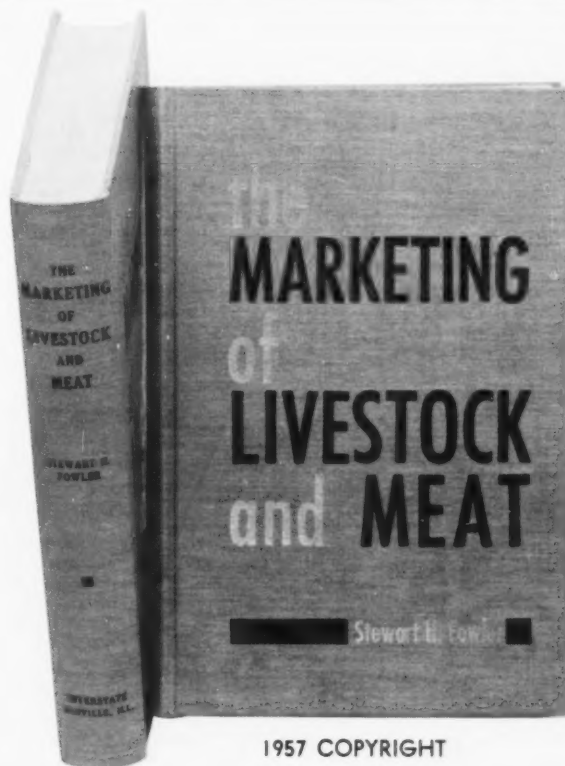
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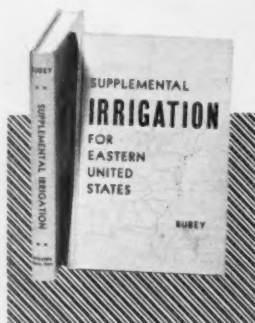
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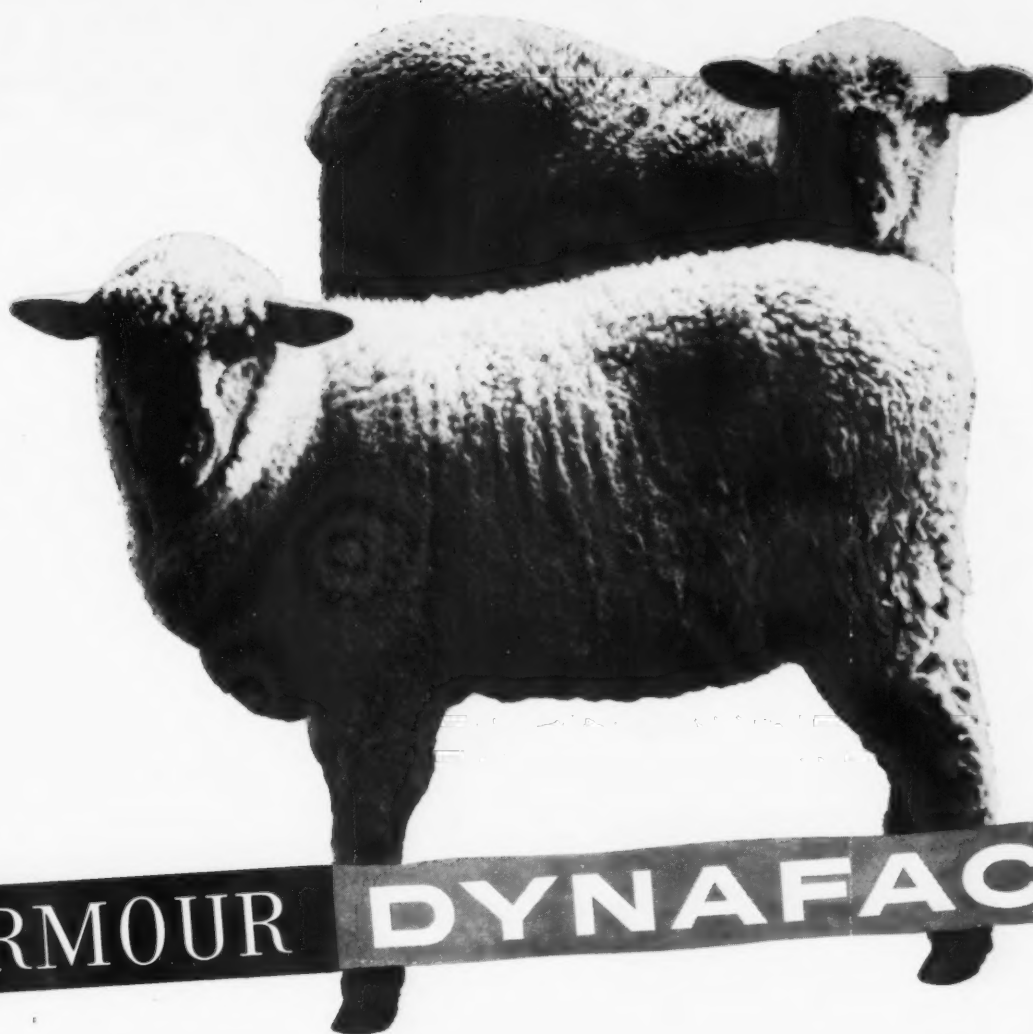
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EDITORIAL

PROBLEMS

TWO OR three factors are affecting both the wool and mohair market today. The first and very important factor is that mill business both here and in the foreign manufacturing centers is in the doldrums. Some believe that this is only a breathing spell pending business readjustments.

Another factor, according to some authorities, is the wool top futures market. Too little trading on this market, and most of it bearish, has hurt the growers' market. Some grower representatives are petitioning congress to stop trading on this market.

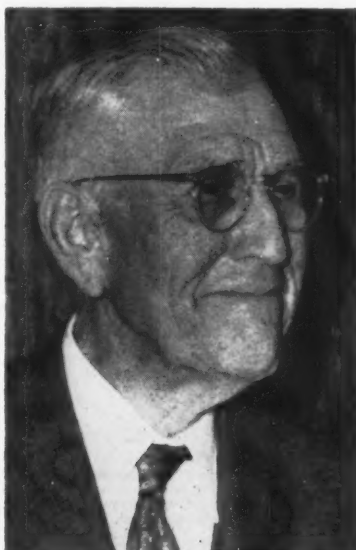
Another factor which growers should keep in mind is the considerable supply of both wool and mohair on hand. A little spurt in mill activity would soon dissipate this, however, and a continuous flow of the product to the mills would benefit all concerned. Price for the growers' product is predicated upon what the mills can afford to pay and what the growers are willing to accept. Finding a satisfactory price for both is the critical problem.

INCREASE IN FREIGHT RATE NOTED

ON FEBRUARY 12 the Interstate Commerce Commission granted an average 2% freight rate increase on commodity basis. The increases became effective three days later. The increase on edible livestock is 3% with a minimum of 5c per hundred.

On wool and mohair a flat increase of 3c per hundred was granted.

Drastic increases on switch and stopping in transit to load or unload were refused and pending further investigation increases were granted on an interim basis. A 5% increase was allowed on industrial switch charges and on charges for stopping in transit and a 10% increase in present charges for diversion and reconsignment.



ARTHUR HENDERSON

FIELD EDITOR GETS PRESS AWARDS

THE TEXAS Press Woman, official newspaper of the Texas Woman's Press Association, has just announced the winners of their annual state contest for Press Women for work done in the year 1957. Billie Stevenson, field editor for Sheep and Goat Raiser Magazine, won thirteen places in the contest.

Miss Stevenson won six first places, four second and three third places. First places were for the best news story in a weekly paper; best news story in a magazine; best promotion in a newspaper or magazine; best display advertising in a magazine and best feature picture in a magazine.

Second places were for special edition of newspaper edited by a woman; display advertising in weekly paper; news picture in newspaper and news picture in a magazine.

Third places were for a feature story in a magazine; promotion in newspaper, and story in newspaper or magazine.

Miss Stevenson came to work for the Sheep and Goat Raiser Magazine August 7, 1957, and prior to that she was editor for Sun and Soil, a syndicated newspaper magazine section for Southwest Texas newspapers.

The awards for the TWPA contest winners will be given at their fall meeting in Brownsville.

Miss Stevenson has been elected as a state delegate to go to the national meeting of The National Federation of Press Women in May at Jackson, Mississippi.

GRAVES JOINS LA PRYOR MILLING COMPANY

LEE GRAVES of Ft. Stockton, well known to stockmen of the Southwest, has joined the La Pryor Milling Company, Inc. This firm manufactures the livestock feed Winter Garden PVM.

Mr. Graves, who was in the ranching business until last year, will make his headquarters in Ft. Stockton, where he has lived for the past 15 years. He and Mrs. Graves have four children.

ARTHUR HENDERSON

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Sales

VAUGHAN BUYS WOOL

R. L. VAUGHAN, San Angelo, representing the Top Company, Inc., of Boston, and 90 years of experience in wool buying, has purchased some 560,000 pounds of Texas wool during April at prices up to 45 cents a pound.

Mr. Vaughan explains the 90 years of experience thusly: He has been buying wool in the Southwest for 30 years, J. W., his brother, 26 years; Bob Benton, 20 years, and Jack, his son, 14 years. Jack has taken over the active management of the San Angelo Wool Company and will also do wool buying in territories which have been assigned to him by the Top Company, Inc.

Tim Draper, representing the buying division of the Top Company, has been in Texas for the past three weeks traveling the territory with the Vaughan Brothers, buying and talking up wool.

Mr. Vaughan estimates that there has been about 800,000 pounds of eight months wool move from Del Rio warehouses at 45, 46 and 47 cents a pound.

Principal buyers have been C. J. Webre, Jr., representing Forte, Dupee, Sawyer Co.; Al Dishman, representing Emery, Russell and Goodrich; George Allison for Colonial Wool Company.

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MOHAIR SALES

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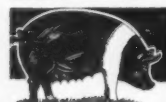
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Association. A letter has already gone to each warehouse in which the warehouseman is asked whether the growers named in the letter have unsold

1957 wool there, or if the clip is still handled there, or if the person is out of the sheep or goat business. He was also asked if the grower named did not want to support the Association's work by having him deduct dues.

The response from the warehouses has been very gratifying. Forty-eight have returned the lists and have indicated the status of each grower.

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WOOL ACT EXTENSION

The bill (S. 2861) to extend the National Wool Act was unanimously approved by the Senate Agriculture Committee April 15. It now goes to the Senate floor for consideration.

Two amendments offered by the industry earlier this year were not accepted. One was to set no particular termination date for the Act. The Committee set four years. The other was to make available receipts from ad valorem duties in addition to 70% of specific duties on wool. The Committee rejected this and amended the bill to provide for such appropriations as might be necessary to carry out the act.

The House bill to extend the act has not yet been reported out by the House Agriculture Committee.

The bill could run into difficulties on the floor of each house after debate begins. The American Farm Bureau is opposed to the compulsory check-off system as it is written in the legislation now in effect. It is reported that the Farm Bureau wishes to amend Section 708 of the act to provide that in the referendum, which presumably would be held again this summer, at least 40% of the growers participate. Then, two-thirds of the number voting would have to agree to the deduction.

SHEEP INCOME BY CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICTS

Each Texas congressman has just received a chart from the Association office showing the numbers of wool producers in his district, the number of pounds of wool on which an application for incentive payment was filed, the total income from wool, including the amount of the incentive payment.

The chart gave a very graphic illustration of the wide distribution of sheep over the state. Letters have been received from several of the Congressmen in which they expressed surprise at the number of sheep in their district.

MOHAIR PRICES

The best information available indicates that the average price of mohair for the marketing year April 1, 1957, through March 31, 1958, was considerably above the incentive level of 70c. Reports from warehouses queried as to their average prices varied from 78c to 86c.

MEXICAN LABOR

Hiring of Mexican Nationals continues to be very difficult and for all practical purposes is at a complete standstill.

U. S. Department of Labor officials from Dallas and Washington met with Association representatives in San Angelo early in April on this problem. They said that a reasonable effort to locate and hire domestic labor must be made before present contracts of specials could be extended. Extension could be for 30 days with an additional 15 days grace period.

This arrangement does not take care of the ranchmen who need help and do not have any on hand now.

TS&GRA President T. A. Kincaid

and O. D. Dooley, Chairman of the Association's Mexican Labor Committee, are in Washington at this time (April 26). They are meeting with labor user groups from several other states on recommendations to be made to the Congress regarding the whole Mexican National program.

NOTICE OF REWARD

Most of the newspapers, both dailies and weeklies, serving the sheep and goat area carried the picture of President Kincaid presenting the Association's check for \$500.00 to J. A. Walker of Sierra Blanca. Mr. Walker furnished information leading to the arrest and final conviction of two men for stealing a goat from the Adolf Stieler Ranch near there.

NWGA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

Penrose Metcalfe, Vice President of the National Wool Growers Association, attended a called meeting of the Executive Committee in Salt Lake City, April 21. It was called by President Don Clyde to discuss additional plans for passage of the Wool Act extension. They also discussed general Washington legislative matters.

Because of this meeting the regular summer meeting which was to have been held in San Francisco, June 30 - July 1 has been cancelled.

WATER MEETING IN AUSTIN

The TS&GRA was represented at the Texas Agricultural Water Committee meeting in Austin on April 18 by J. B. McCord, TS&GRA Water Committee Chairman, and the Secretary.

The committee is still discussing an irrigation permit acceptable to the Board of Water Engineers and the Legislature and which would be practical for the ranchman and farmer.

Proposals are being drafted and will be presented to the TAWC at its next meeting.

SUMMER MEETING

The summer quarterly meeting of the Association will be held in Del Rio, Saturday, June 14. Headquarters will be at the Roswell Hotel. Requests for rooms should be sent to the Del Rio Chamber of Commerce.

BIERSCHWALE SALE JULY 18

FLOYD BIER SCHWALE and Carlton of Segovia will hold their third Rambouillet Sale on the Bierschwale ranch, July 18. The sale will be handled by Lem Jones, auctioneer, and will feature 250 yearling rams.

Pierce Miller, son of Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Miller of Ozona, was adjudged the outstanding 4-H Club member of the year, March 31, at the annual Achievements and Awards Banquet of the Crockett County 4-H Club held in Ozona. He won the top 4-H honor, the Gold Star award given by the Extension Service of the Texas A. & M. College. Young Miller also received the Mother Davidson Memorial award for excellence in 4-H work.

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This year the event was held on March 18 at the Altuda ranch near Alpine.

Sponsoring the event in cooperation with Mr. Pierce was A. J. Biersch-wale, head of the Sul Ross Range Animal Husbandry Department, and Joe Brown, President of the Clip and Brand Club.

The winner of the judging contest this year was Marshall Caraway of Rockdale with 489 points. A perfect score would be 550. Other winners in order of their placings were: Douglas Cunningham, Odessa; Jim Bausch, Rapid City, S. D.; Perry Bush-

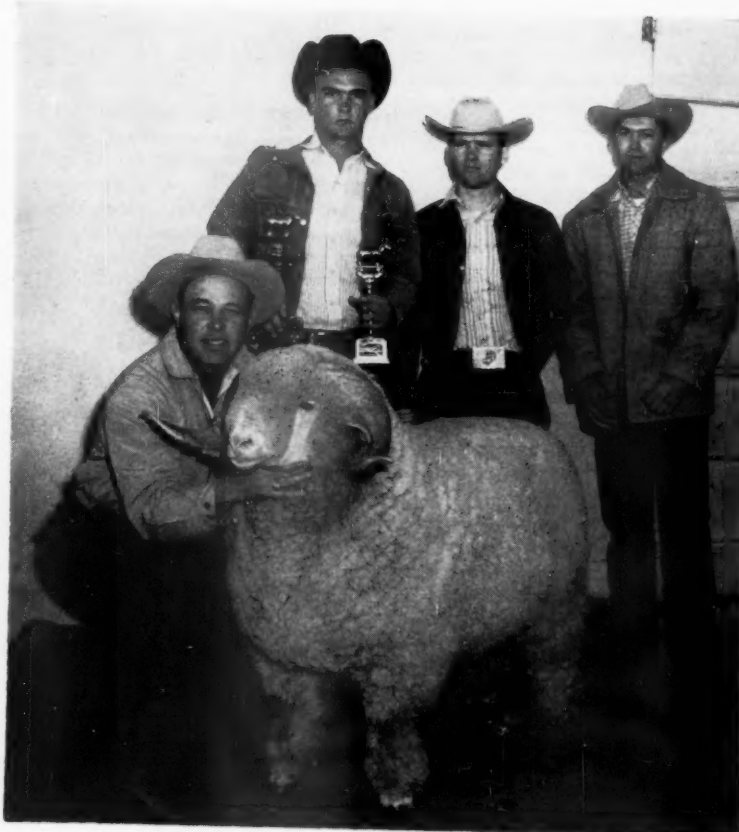


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David White, Fort Stockton, former Sul Ross student, now vocational agriculture teacher, was adult winner. Twenty adults and 53 Sul Ross students participated.

Cash awards amounting to \$100 and a beautiful permanent Rambouillet sheep trophy and other trophies are given winners by Mr. and Mrs. Pierce. The guests are entertained with a barbecue.



Left to right standing: Marshall Caraway of Rockdale, first in contest with 489 points; Doug Cunningham of Odessa, second with 482 points; Jim Bausch of Rapid City, South Dakota, third with 479 points. Kneeling is Miles Pierce holding the grand champion ram which he sold to Jim Espy of Fort Davis for \$500.

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The purpose of the all-day meeting was to review the work of the tenth ram progeny test just completed, analyze the results, and study future programs. In addition, various phases of the ranch industry were discussed in the light of present day situation.

The just completed progeny test included 133 rams. Each ram was studied as to gain of weight in a certain period of time, production of clean wool, staple length growth, tendency to wool blindness and skin folds or wrinkles.

Dr. T. D. Watkins, in summing up the experiments over the past ten years, declared that some progress had

been made by breeders in certain phases of sheep breeding but that none or little progress had been made by breeders in other aspects. He declared that much work needed to be done and that the breeders should determine today their objectives for tomorrow.

Leo Merrill, Range Specialist of the Experiment Station, pointed out to growers that experiments had proved that livestock do better when they are grazed sensibly with other livestock. He pointed out that lambs weighed as much as 10 pounds more and sheared about a pound more of wool when the sheep were grazed with goats and cattle than when the sheep were run alone. Cattle, similarly, did remarkably well when grazed with other livestock rather than when placed in a pasture with no other livestock.

Selection in culling was declared to be a must for sheepmen of West



THEY MEET AT PROGENY TEST

On the left is Clyde Thate, Burkett, Rambouillet leader who is now going all out for the 1958 Rambouillet ram sale in San Angelo, June 24-26. With him is Maurice Shelton, in charge of the McGregor Experiment Station, where another ram progeny test is now on the way. From Kansas City is V. C. Jelley, District Manager, American Cyanamid Company, whose product, Aureomycin, is used in many feeding experiments going on throughout the nation at present. On the right is Rushing Sheffield, San Angelo, sales manager of the 1958 Rambouillet ram sale.

1958 PROGENY TEST PARTICIPANTS

Representative of the participants in the 1958 progeny test are shown as they gathered April 16 at the Ranch Experiment Station: Roger Landers, Menard; Len Mertz, San Angelo; Philip Robbins, Fort Stockton; W. L. (Tom) Davis, Sonora; Jack Preston, Utopia; Leo Richardson, Iraan; Mrs. H. C. Noelke, Jr., Sheffield; Clyde Thate, Burkett; Ed Mayer, Jr., Barnhart; Dr. T. D. Watkins, College Station; Jess Barton, Sonora; Ed Guy Branch, Rankin; Pat Rose, Jr., Del Rio; Bill Noll for L. A. Nordan, San Antonio; James Wittenburg, Rocksprings; Boyd of Boyd Bros., Rankin; Buster Dooley, Brackettville; Prentice Harris, Bronco; Rod Richardson, Iraan. (Names and places in picture may not be in exact order.)



Texas if flock improvement is to be expected declared James A. Gray, Sheep Specialist of the Extension Service.

Others on the program were Bob Holland, U. S. Department of Agriculture and A. & M. College; Dr. W. T. Hardy, Ranch Experiment Chief; Dr. C. W. Livingston, Station Veterinarian; Miles Pierce, ranchman of Alpine; Maurice Shelton, Experiment Station Head at McGregor; and Stanley P. Davis, Wool Specialist, A. & M. College. Dr. O. D. Butler, Head of the Texas A. & M. Department of Animal Husbandry, was chairman.

POWELL RECOVERING FROM ATTACK

GUY POWELL of Kerrville, Kerr County Agent, is recovering from a cerebral thrombosis attack. He was taken to the Memorial Hospital in Kerrville the night of April 7, where the doctors there diagnosed his case and ordered him to bed for some weeks of rest and quiet.

Mr. Powell had been making a speech at a county-wide 4-H Club meeting when he became ill and lost the use of his vocal cords. He was unable to speak for several days, but has now regained his voice. Doctors said he will be alright, but that he must slow up some.

Guy Powell is a hard worker and will go the limit when working for his boys. He helped them to win 72 Champions since January, 1957.

Powell is resting at home now and will be back at work as soon as the doctors give him the go-ahead.

Jamie and Carleton Kothmann of Menard, who have been quite busy in April shipping out fat, old crop and feeder lambs, predict the area will see many milk lambs this year, "the best in many a day." Many Menard Countyites are looking for a reporter to write on their "desolate" country today and give the new look the same wide publicity the drouth article was given.

O. R. Winn is reported to have purchased 1,368 acres of ranch land near Cline, Texas, from Frank Kirchgrabber at a reported price of \$50.00 per acre. The land, which is on the Blewett road, is unimproved.

Floyd Bierschwale, Junction, recently sold 250 purebred Rambouillet ewe lambs to Gay Sieker, Menard. Sieker reports that his ranch is in good condition.



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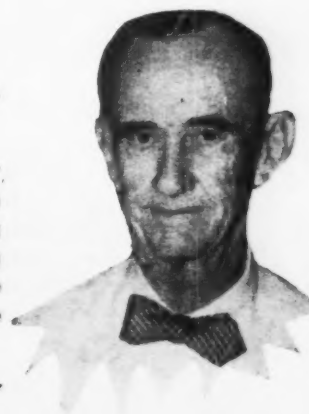
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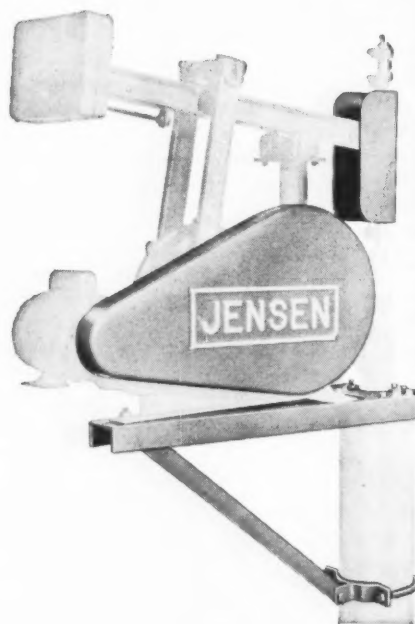
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Wool Industry Studies 'Buy American' Plan

G. N. WINDER, president of the American Sheep Producers Council in Denver, has appointed advisory committees for wool, lamb and administration from the board of directors of the council.

The advisory committee includes: Rogers G. Davis of Natchez, Miss.; Harold Josendal of Casper, Wyo.; A. B. Moyer of Fargo, N. D.; Jerry Puckett of Fort Stockton, Texas, and Farrell M. Shultz of DeGraff, Ohio.

The lamb advisory committee is made up of: J. R. Broadbent of Salt Lake City, Utah; George K. Hislop of Yakima, Wash.; Harold Ledingham of Mitchell, Nebraska, Joe Mendiburu of Bakersfield, Cal., and Oren Wright of Greenwood, Ind.

Members of the wool advisory committee are: Luther Belden of North Hatfield, Mass.; Daniel Fulton of Ismay, Mont.; James H. Lemmon of Lemmon, S. D.; A. S. MacArthur of Wagon Mound, N. Mex., and Walter L. Pfluger of Eden, Texas.

These committees will act in an advisory capacity to the officers and staff of the council.

Members of the wool committee will attend a one-day meeting in Boston, Mass., on May 2, to determine the feasibility of launching a public relations program to publicize the ad-

vantages of American-made wool products. Those attending the meeting besides the wool committee members will be President Winder and J. M. (Casey) Jones, executive secretary of the council, representatives of wool mills and top makers and others in the wool trade. Approximately 100 persons will attend this important meeting.

In connection with the wool program, the council has retained, on a temporary one-month basis, the firm of Taplinger Associates, a public relations organization. Taplinger will make a thorough study in all segments of the wool industry as to the value of a promotion program on the "peerless" quality of American-made wool products.

Anyone who wants to get into the registered Corriedale business with a good flock of registered ewes should contact C. W. Riley of Willow City. This long-time breeder writes the magazine that he has taken on a new business and can no longer take care of his flock.

The Columbia Sheep Breeders Association is holding its annual meeting in the Assembly Room of the Ohio Experiment Station, Wooster, Ohio, May 15 and 16.



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Analyzing Livestock And Meat Situation

By SHEEP AND GOAT RAISER CHICAGO BUREAU

THE NATION'S consumers can thank sheep and lamb producers and feeders for recently providing the butcher shops over the country with slightly larger lamb production than was available at this same time a year ago. Unlike beef and pork tonnage, which continues sharply below a year ago, recent lamb slaughter remains above last year's, the only class of meat that can claim this distinction.

Although the increase in lamb production over a year ago is small, it is, nevertheless, significant because of the sharp drop in beef and pork tonnage since the first of the year. March slaughter of lambs in federally inspected plants was estimated at a million head, about the same as a year ago. Early April lamb slaughter, meanwhile, showed a slight increase over the same time a year ago.

This is in sharp contrast with the other major classes of meat. Cattle slaughter during March was down eight percent from March a year ago and about 10 percent lower during the first part of April. At the same time, hog slaughter recently ran around 10 percent below a year ago. The slaughtering of both cattle and hogs during the past few months was running the smallest for this time of the year in five years.

Because lamb producers and finishers have been able to provide sufficient volume in recent weeks to keep lamb production at least on a par with a year ago, they have failed to share in the much improved prices experienced by cattle and hogs this past winter and early spring which came about as a result of reduced marketings.

With sheep and lamb marketings running in line with a year ago, lamb prices have been more or less stable in recent weeks. Fat lamb values failed to advance sharply as did cattle and hogs and remained closer to values of a year ago this spring than did the other two classes. In fact, prices lately have ranged slightly under those of a year ago as fat lamb prices worked slightly lower over the past month or so.

Despite the fact that Corn Belt lamb feeders have not enjoyed sharply hiked values such as developed in cattle and hogs, lamb finishers have been able to report that recent prices have provided a margin of profit, although it is not nearly so large as that received by cattle feeders and hog producers. Low-cost feed is the big factor that helped to provide the profits.

Recently prime woolled lambs have been stopping around the \$24 mark at Chicago, which was about 50c under the high in March and down \$1.75 from the 1958 high established in January. Because quality left much to be desired in late March and early April, there were days when no prime

wooled lambs arrived at Chicago to put the top quotations to a test.

The absence of top quality handy-weight lambs, plus the fact that a good share of the early April offerings continued to run to weights over 110 pounds, resulted in only a limited number of sales being made upward of \$23. Corn Belt lamb finishers continued to market lambs at heavier weights and numerous loads of choice 110 to 120 pounders sold from \$21.50 to \$23, while comparable quality heavy lambs weighing over 125 pounds sold from \$21 to \$21.50.

Spring lambs continued to be a scarce item. Only scattered shipments of this class arrived during the fore part of April and a few sales of 65- to 80-pound new-crop lambs sold from \$23 to \$25.50. A small lot of 51-pound spring lambs brought \$30, the highest price paid thus far this season.

Corn Belt cattle feeders spent the fore part of April attempting to hold on to gains that were piled up almost steadily during the first quarter of the year which boosted fat cattle prices late in March to the highest levels in more than five years. The advance was brought to a halt near the close of March as buyers built up sufficient resistance to further hikes.

Beef processors were successful to some extent in dropping prices back slightly from the high point of March, despite the fact that cattle volume remained well below normal. The price cutting was forced upon the live market as beef packers experienced considerable slowness in the dressed beef trade. Despite continued modest beef production at this time, the undertone of the dressed trade was far from being healthy with a slow movement of beef into retail channels.

Even though early April prices were lowered somewhat, cattle feeders continued to receive some of the largest profits on record. Feed costs were less than 20c for each pound of gain, while margins over first costs continued to range up to \$10. It was estimated that before prices were dropped back, certain shipments of high choice and mixed high choice

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Shearing Old Crop Lambs on the Arthur Henderson Ranch

OUR FRONT COVER PICTURE

Loading old crop mutton lambs out of the shearing pen and shearing old crop ewe lambs overflowed two early April days on Arthur Henderson's Kickapoo Springs Ranch about 30 miles southeast of San Angelo. In the foreground are shown some of the excellent ewe lambs waiting for the shearers.

SHEARING

(Top Picture, Below)

E. L. Gallardo oversees the shearing. He, with his brother, F. L. Gallardo, operate several highly rated shearing crews which work in Texas and other states as far away as Montana.

WOOL SACKING

(Bottom Picture, Below)

Careful handling of the fleeces of the mutton lambs should pay good dividends to the owner. Fleeces were well shorn, bundled but packed into the bags without tying.





WE LAMBS

The ewe lambs shorn numbered about 500 and they will go to help restock the Kickapoo Springs Ranch, only about one-third stocked now, due to the drouth-caused cut-down. In normal years the 25,000-acre ranch runs about 10,000 sheep, together with high grade cattle and goats. All ewes were vaccinated for blue tongue.

The mutton end, some 439 head, went to market. They were in good flesh and averaged 109.7 pounds and netted the owner \$20.50 per head.

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Goats Valuable To Cattlemen, Too

By BILLIE STEVENSON

IF YOU are a cattleman who has always turned up your nose at goats, it might pay you to see how Joe Dan Weedon has increased his carrying capacity by grazing goats on his 2300-acre ranch just north of Brownwood. Before the drouth Joe Dan was strictly

a registered Polled Hereford man and never gave goats a thought. He'd had goat people to tell him there was money in the goat business, but he just sort of let it go in one ear and out the other, so to speak.

As the drouth grew progressively

worse and Joe Dan's feed bill along with it, he decided something had to be done. He'd had to sell some of his cattle because there was not enough grass for them and it was costing too much to feed the others every day. He wasn't making any money! Some of the talk about goats and money came back to him and he decided to give it a try. That was four years ago.

He bought 300 head of Angora goats, after refencing the ranch with net wire. Joe Dan said, "The ranch is fenced into about ten pastures. I had to put in about twelve miles of fence, but the goats have paid for the fence and fed the cattle, too. I've sold only muttons and have kept all the does."

I asked him how many head of goats he could carry on his ranch and he said, "I can carry probably a thousand head for two or three years, but I plan to hold it down to around my present 500 head. I can keep these on rotation and never overgraze any one pasture. I rotate the goats just ahead of my cows, and rest the pastures from two to three months. This gives the grass a chance for making a good seed crop as well as protecting it."

"I sold my registered Polled Herefords last October and am now running about one hundred head of commercial Polled Herefords and a few mixed. I have about 160 registered Angora does, 55 registered bucks, and the balance are the best regular Angoras I could get. I have bought good goats. I think that's the cheapest investment you can make. I run one buck to about 25 does."

"The good goats have paid off. I shear on an average of seven pounds of mohair and have sheared as much as ten pounds on some of my billy kids."

He continued, "Any goats I cull out are taken to Goldthwaite and sold there. I sell the commercial bucks right here at the ranch."

I asked, "Joe Dan, what has been your biggest trouble with the goats?"

He said, "Well, they are not much trouble at all. And with the good fence I have they are not too much work, either. I only lost two goats by death last year and culled out only about 10 percent. I sell my mohair to Hollis Blackwell Wool House."

I asked, "Now that the drouth is over, do you think you'll ever go back to cattle exclusively?"

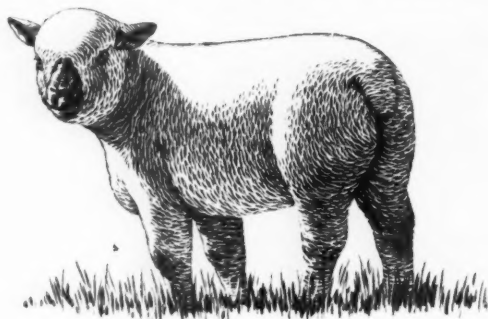
"No Sir! The combination of goats and cattle is far too good a thing to give it up. For the amount of money invested the goats make me more money than the cows. The goats utilize the brush and make me money. They clean out enough of the brush so that more grass has a chance to grow. The goats are controlling my brush and it's paying me instead of me having to pay to have it eradicated. I've learned it would be silly for me to destroy brush that can be used to make me money. These goats have put my pastures in such a good shape I can carry 150 head of cattle instead of only 100 if I want to. I plan to stock around 130 head."

"Yes sir! I'm one cattleman that is going to keep goats," he declared.



This is part of the Weedon goats just turned into a brushy pasture. In some places the brush is so thick that the cattle can't get through. The Angoras are cleaning out enough of the brush to let grass grow again, allowing good grazing for the cattle.

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Washington Parade

By JAY RICHTER

HOW DEEP is the recession?

One measure is the number of people out of jobs, compared with the size of the total labor force. In 1933, at the depth of the great depression, economists point out just about 25% of our citizens were out of work. Or, to put it another way, one in four people who normally held jobs did not have one.

The comparable percentage today, government figures show, is about 8%.

To date, the recession has had no apparent impact upon demand for food. In fact, the latest official reports showed that food sales over the country were 8% above a year earlier. Consumer income has gone down about 1½% since the recession started.

Why then the strong demand for farm products? The answer is that consumers have elected thus far to cut purchases of durable goods such as cars instead of food, the economists explain.

They warn, however, that a continued rise in unemployment, and further reduction in consumer income, may be felt by farmers. Should unemployment rise sharply, the impact upon agriculture would be inevitable and harmful, the economists agree.

Dairy price support in the new marketing year that started on April 1 is a bit higher than the dollar-cents level originally announced. Due to an increase in parity, the final rates are \$3.06 for factory milk instead of \$3.03 and 56.6c for butterfat instead of 56.2c.

Corn support for '58, meantime, has been announced by Benson, subject to a possible increase (but no reduction) before the start of the marketing year on October 1. The new support rate was placed at \$1.36 per bushel compared with \$1.40 for '57-crop corn.

Percentage support in '58 will be 77%, the same as for the 1957 crop. The dollar-cents drop is due to a decline in parity.

Whether non-compliance corn from the new crop will be supported, Benson had not indicated as we went to press. Non-compliance corn from the 1957 crop has been propped at \$1.10 per bushel.

Loans to construct or repair farm buildings and dwellings should be easier to get now. USDA has urged the Farmers Home Administration to step up efforts to lend construction money.

Interest rates, it should be noted, have not been lowered—not yet anyhow. The money still costs 4%, with up to 33 years to pay. However, qualifications for the loans have been eased.

Anybody now may be eligible who grosses as little as \$400 annually on farm sales. Previously, it has been necessary for the applicant, in order to qualify, to get a "substantial" share of his income from farm sales.

It looks to be just about all over on Capitol Hill except for the shouting. That, in effect, is how farm leaders here sum up the legislative outlook for the rest of this year.

Veto of the support freeze bill has taken the steam out of efforts to pass so-called omnibus (catch-all) legislation. Farm-area congressmen still talk about it, but their hearts aren't in it.

They foresee almost certain veto of a big bill. Piece-meal legislation, unless it is non-controversial, the lawmakers are convinced, won't get anywhere either. Reason: Inability of the Farm Bloc to agree on individual commodity bills.

The Southern chairmen of both agriculture committees have come out strongly against single commodity bills. Such legislation, says Senator Allen Ellender of Louisiana, the Senate Ag. committee head, "cannot be passed."

"If we are to have a farm bill this year," says House Ag. chief, Harold Cooley, North Carolina, "the Congress must deal with general legislation, embracing the commodity-by-commodity proposals."

Washington insiders do not expect land limitation laws to be changed in any important way at this session of Congress. A bill, S. 2541, by Senator Barrett of Wyoming, would permit the Interior Secretary to fix the size of farm units on reclamation projects at more than 160 irrigable acres—"in certain circumstances."

The legislation has the backing of the National Reclamation Association, but officials of that organization are privately skeptical about its chances. NRA has hopes, however, of amending land-limitation laws to put in force the so-called Engle formula.

This would permit ownership of excess lands, but require the owner to pay interest on costs allocated to them. Excess lands in question, however, would be limited to (1) supplemental water projects for land that is already irrigated, and (2) lands privately owned, cultivated, and actively farmed for more than 10 years.

Hearings on various land-limitation proposals were held April 30 before the Senate Subcommittee on Irrigation and Reclamation, headed by Senator Clinton P. Anderson of New Mexico.

"The best water outlook in years." That is how the Interior Department sums up summer irrigation prospects on reclamation projects in the 17 Western states. March rains brought storage to normal or above on a majority of the 143 reclamation reservoirs. Ample water is expected practically everywhere except in the Southwest where there have been many years of drought and the supply is expected to remain "below normal" despite some improvement.

The federal conservation budget news, at press time, was uniformly

good. The House had increased many soil and water items above what the Administration asked. The Senate, which may have taken final action by now, was expected to do as well as the House.

The House (1) refused to cut ACP funds in half as requested by USDA, but kept the appropriation at the \$250 million level of recent years; (2) increased by \$2½ million the amount USDA asked for SCS assistance to local soil conservation districts; (3) increased the amount for small watersheds under Public Law 566 from \$24 million to \$25½ million.

For the Great Plains program, the House voted what the Administration asked—\$10 million in the new fiscal year that begins on July 1.

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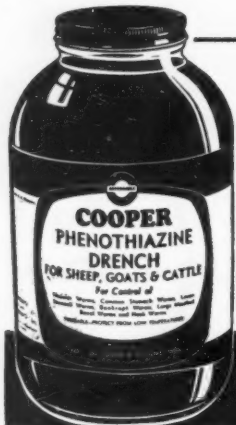
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J. R. Mims, 85, known far and wide as Bob, ties one of the prize wool fleeces in the March Commercial Ewe Competition while Cleve Jones, III, son of Mrs. Cleve Jones, II, of Sonora, watches how it has been done through the years by a veteran. The only difference we could see in present-day suggested practice and that of Mr. Mims' was that the veteran tied a more substantial knot.

BOB MIMS is one of the few remaining old timers who rode the open range of West Texas and one of the first to buck the tide and bring in sheep—and he's still an enthusiastic sheepman. "They make money."

In 1902 he went into the sheep business near Water Valley, where he ranches now, starting with straight Delaines. Then he was with the late George Richardson.

"Then," he said, "it was a very good sheep that would shear seven pounds. Cleve's fleece which Mr. Mims tied weighed 10.7 pounds of top quality wool—better quality than

the average now or in Mr. Mims' time.

"I think that the commercial ewe program is extra good and I think the sheep in this show are the best I've ever seen. This kind of education is the best for young people as they see it done and do it rather than reading or hearing about how it should be done. We had to come up the hard way."

Mr. Mims is a cooperator all the way—a leader of the ranch business in soil conservation work (he's a district supervisor since the organization of districts) and in many worthwhile ranch and community projects.

SHEEP INCREASE IN NEW MEXICO

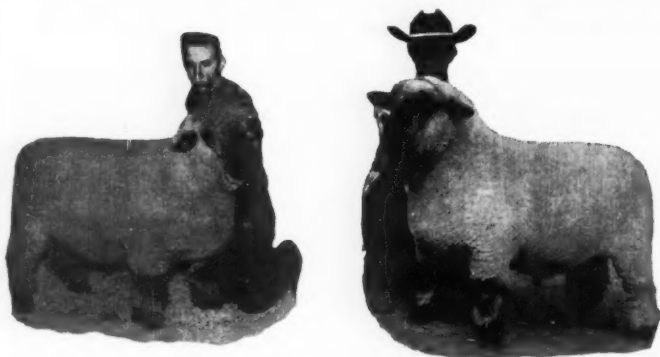
THE NUMBERS of livestock on farms in the United States dropped during 1957 but the value per head increased. The two exceptions were sheep, which increased one percent in numbers, and turkeys, which decreased approximately 50 cents per head in value.

This downturn in numbers will mean higher prices in the future for all classes of livestock to farmers and higher prices to consumers for meat

during the next few years, predicts extension economist C. R. Keaton at New Mexico A. & M. College.

Numbers of livestock in New Mexico followed somewhat the same trend as in the U. S., the economist said. The number of cattle and calves on farms totaled 1,056,000, a decrease of five percent from January 1, 1957. The value per head was \$110, an increase of \$38.

The number of sheep and lambs was 1,208,000, an increase of two percent. The average value per head was \$20.20, an increase of \$6.



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Wool Bureau's Research Department Makes Report on Projects

THE PAST six months have been the most productive period in the history of wool science, Dr. Gerald Laxer, director of the Wool Bureau's Department of Science and Technology, told the annual meeting of the American Sheep Producers Council at the Albany Hotel in Denver.

Speaking on the results of various wool research projects, Dr. Laxer described three major processes which have been brought to practical fruition within the six-month period and which have produced wool apparel with "vastly improved performance features." He described these processes as:

1. An inexpensive and effective permanent mothproofing which may some day make the clothes moth extinct in the home, factory and store.
2. A spotproofing for all-wool fabrics which is almost miraculous in its performance—so effective, in fact, that one can literally flick or blot from his clothes oil, food juices, coffee and the like without leaving a trace of a stain.
3. A process for putting durable pleats in women's skirts and knife-sharp creases in men's trousers which might last the life of the garment. Wool mills and apparel manufacturers have shown great interest in this process. It is now being adapted to factory production methods and should be introduced to the consumer in wool apparel advertisements this fall.

All these processes do their work

without affecting the natural softness, drape and attractive appearance which the public has always associated with wool, Dr. Laxer said.

The Wool Bureau has followed and encouraged all these developments and is in fact concerned directly with three other scientific studies which are aimed at achieving still greater performance for wool, Dr. Laxer added.

A Wool Bureau-sponsored research project at the Harris Laboratories in Washington, D. C., is studying the possibility of producing wool fabrics "engineered" to be washable in home washing machines without fear of shrinkage due to felting. The plan here is to avoid or minimize treatment with chemicals which frequently have an adverse effect on the desirable properties of wool.

A second project sponsored by the Wool Bureau is a study at the Fabric Research Laboratories in Boston. This is aimed at creating lightweight wool-worsted suiting fabrics which will be highly wrinkle-resistant, also without resort to chemicals.

The longest running research sponsored by the Wool Bureau is that at the Textile Research Institute at Princeton, N. J. Now in its seventh year, this study has the purpose of finding out the effect that fiber characteristics such as crimp, length, etc., have on fabric performance. The results of this study are frequently the foundation from which subsequent investigations are launched—such as those on washability and wrinkle resistance, Dr. Laxer said.

**TOP HODGES EWE**

Clinton Hodges of Sterling City is shown holding one of the L. F. Hodges-bred Rambouillets of the 1958 San Angelo Stock Show. This ewe was Reserve Champion of the Adult Show. Hodges also had Reserve Champion ram, first two-tooth ewe, first aged ewe, lamb flock and get of sire.

IS THAT SO? SURE, IT'S LAMB!

By EUGENE BURNS

A DISTRAUGHT hostess telephoned me: "I've got some United Nations people coming for dinner. They'll be from England, Egypt, Pakistan, and Japan. What in the world'll I feed them?"

"Relax, lady," I assured her. "There's one answer, one thing that will please all of them: A roast leg of lamb."

Lamb, undoubtedly, is mankind's principal meat. It is eaten everywhere.

To an American whose average consumption of beef is 16 pounds as against one pound of lamb, this may seem highly doubtful.

For that matter I wouldn't have believed it either until I read "Of Sheep and Men" by Dr. R. B. Robertson (Knopf). He states that for every American consumer of steak or hamburger there are nearly three Hindus who have never touched the stuff. Now add to those Hindus most of the people in the Middle East and all the people of Central Asia: You'll find all are predominantly sheep-eaters.

And more, just about everyone living north of the 50th parallel in the Eastern Hemisphere eats sheep, and add to this Mongolia and Manchuria, together with England, Australia, and New Zealand. It means that there are more people in the world gnawing lamb chops at this very moment than are spreading catsup and horseradish over beef.

To meet this demand, there are about 700 million sheep alive today. That's a lot of lamb (or mutton) in anyone's language, it works out to about one sheep for every four persons.

Although there are many people who have distinct preferences for beef or pork or fowl, there are few people who won't eat lamb when it is offered them. At any rate, no one will be unable to partake of it because of racial prejudice or religious scruples. Besides, I have yet to hear of a doctor forbidding a patient lamb for medical reasons.

From these 700 million sheep man gets not only meat, but much more. The sheep adds greatly to man's comfort, thanks to its wool. Annual harvest is about 4,170,000,000 pounds, enough to provide every human with two heavy sweaters every year.

And other things. Many a woman rubs sheep's grease into her skin and many a man rubs it into his hair. Ever heard of lanolin?

If you are fussy about your feet, chances are you're wearing a pair of lightweight wool socks. And you may be standing on a woolen carpet such as I have in my study made by the Navajo Indians of Arizona.

Being a pipe smoker, the stem of your pipe may be made of ram's horn as are the fancy buttons on your sports jacket. For overcoat, chances are they're made of cheaper sheep-bones.

So you've been graduated from college? Then the chances are your diploma was made of the finest of parchment—again, lambskin.

Worry wart that you are, you

might develop ulcers. If so, the doctor will sew them up with catgut. Actually, it's sheepgut, same's violin strings. In fact all symphonies are dependent, in their most hauntingly beautiful parts, on the controlled and combined vibrations of bits of dead sheep.

From United Nations dinner to symphony, a sheep's handy, isn't it?

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Management of The Farm Flock

By JOE H. DIXON

MORE FARMS SHOULD RUN A FEW SHEEP

SHEEP ARE particularly well adapted to small farms, especially small flocks. They do not require much land for pasture, and their initial cost is a small investment in comparison with some other kinds of livestock. They start reproducing at an early age, and most flocks provide their share of twin lambs. So it is not a difficult problem to grow into the sheep business.

Driving through many sections of the country, you see far too many farms without a flock of sheep. To me it has always been a mystery why so many farmers operate without a few head of sheep to help keep down weeds in their pastures. A few sheep are economical to raise, and will help keep orchards and small lots cleaned up around the farm buildings. A small flock certainly helps the appearance of most farm homes tremendously. It has been proven time and again, that the farm flock pays off well for every dollar invested.

No Best Breed of Sheep

In starting in the sheep business, you may wonder which breed to select. My answer to that question is . . . there are successful breeders in every breed of sheep known to the industry. If you select the breed or type you like best you no doubt will enjoy working with your sheep more, and your chances of success are greater if you keep in mind three things of major importance: selection of your ewe flock, using a good purebred ram and the care and management you give your flock.

If you have never handled sheep, do not overstock on the start. There is no substitute for experience gained first-hand in sheep management and a small flock, numbering in size from a half dozen to 25 ewes is usually sufficient for the beginner to start with. There is considerable enjoyment to be had in caring for a small flock of sheep. You will learn something of their habits just watching them clean up your lots and eating weeds around your farm buildings.

Too many sheep for your pasture is bad business, and it never pays to overstock. Stomach worms and intestinal parasites seem to bother a flock much quicker when allowed to graze a pasture too short.

Selecting Your Foundation Ewes

Selecting good ewes to start with is important. Your chances of success with a few of the right kind of ewes is much better.

The farmer starting a small flock should make up his mind before buying as to the kind and type of ewes he prefers. While, as I have previously mentioned, there perhaps is no best breed, there are probably some breeds that do better in certain localities. In this section of the Southwest, for farmers without sheep experience, they might find ewes predominant in Delaine or Rambouillet bloodlines would do well for them. This type of ewe, when mated to a good, purebred ram, produces a very acceptable market lamb. They are also very hardy, stand the hot summers well and shear more pounds of wool.

There are other farmers who might prefer to start with good blackfaced or other type mutton ewes. There are plenty of flock owners in the Southwest who would have nothing else.

In my opinion, there is room for both types of commercial ewes, and start with the type you prefer. There is always more pleasure in working with the breed or type you like best.

In selecting some good ewes to start a flock, uniformity in size and type are desirable. Look for and select good, thrifty, active ewes that are in good breeding condition. Breeding ewes do not necessarily have to be hog fat to be in good breeding condition. Sometimes the largest, fattest ewes in the flock may be ewes that did not raise a lamb, and may prove barren or non-breeders. I merely mention this to caution beginners that the big, fat ewes are usually not the best breeders and mothers in the flock.

Try to select ewes with medium to

good size, the deep bodied kind that are roomy and can carry strong, vigorous lambs. The ewes should have straight, level tops and width and thickness over the back and loin. Stay away from the long legged, slab sided, shallow bodied kind, that usually produce hard feeding, slow maturing lambs.

Open faced ewes are desirable and popular with most flock owners, both in the feedlot and on the range. They are much preferred by most sheepmen with commercial flocks, to the wool-blind ewes that have far too much wool in the face and about the eyes.

Select Ewes With Good Fleeces

In selecting ewes, you should also keep in mind wool production as well as mutton conformation. Try to buy ewes with good, tight, compact quality fleeces that show a good length of staple. As far as possible, pick out smooth bodied ewes that are free of wrinkles and folds on the neck and body. Most fine wool sheep on farms and ranches today are much smoother, with far less wrinkles and have smooth mutton type bodies.

Should you buy ewes out of the wool, you at least should be able to find sheep with good body conformation, and free from too many body wrinkles.

In the average farm flock, good wool production means extra dollars to you at shearing time, so always keep this in mind when selecting foundation stock.

Young ewes from yearlings to three years old usually cost a little more money and have much to recommend them. At their age much of their usefulness lies ahead. They are generally a good investment for the buyer, who can learn to lamb out young ewes.

But for the beginner who has to learn, perhaps the three- to five-year-old ewes would be a lot easier to lamb out and might do just as well to start with. Most ewes do not really reach their prime as breeders until they have produced a couple crops of lambs. They will probably cost you less money than younger ewes.

Experienced sheepmen always take time to "mouth" sheep before buying. Be sure you are getting nothing less than solid mouthed ewes when buying. The broken mouthed and gummers have little to recommend them and little usefulness ahead. Occasionally, broken mouthed ewes can be lambed out successfully but do not buy them too high. Their best days are behind them.

When to Buy Breeding Ewes

Generally speaking, there is a larger supply of ewes available during the late spring and summer months, and prices are usually lower after the lamb crop has been marketed. But there seems to be no set time to get into the sheep business, for there is always someone interested in starting a flock. Perhaps, more flocks are started in the spring and fall than during other seasons of the year.

The main thing for the beginner is to be careful not to buy old, wornout ewes that should be sent to the packing house. Also be careful about buying sheep out of a flock that looks

starved to death, out of condition and full of stomach worms.

As in any other business, there are always many angles to figure in sheep production. But a good time to buy is when a real bargain presents itself. The time of year you buy your ewes is not nearly as important as the kind of ewes you secure when buying.

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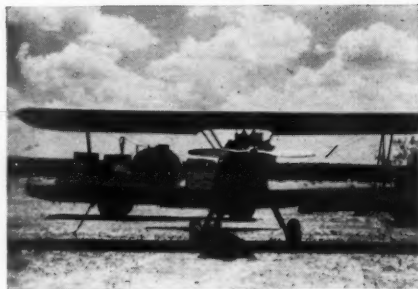
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Minutes of First Quarterly Meeting Woman's Auxiliary, 1958

THE FIRST quarterly meeting of the Woman's Auxiliary to the Texas Sheep and Goat Raisers' Association was held Tuesday morning, March 11, in the Social Room of the Memorial Student Center in College Station, following a coffee through the courtesy of the College Committee, Mrs. O. D. Butler and Mrs. T. D. Watkins, Jr., serving as hostesses.

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 A.M. by Mrs. Adolf Stieler, President. After the invocation, Mrs. Edwin Mayer introduced Dr. Kate Adelle Hill, who gave a brief outline of her recently published book, "Home Demonstration Work in Texas." Dr. Hill is an entertaining speaker and left us all anxious to read her book.

Miss Wool of 1958, Miss Peggy Seay, was then introduced and told of her work and travels since December. She appeared at the "Make It Yourself With Wool" Style Show in Kerrville sponsored by the Hill Country Chapter of the Auxiliary, then attended the National Wool Growers Convention in Phoenix, Arizona, where she made numerous appearances on radio and television, in addition to the style show. She also attended the San Antonio and Houston Livestock shows, and the banquet in Austin honoring the outstanding young farmers of the state.

After Miss Wool's talk there was a discussion regarding her trip to California. A letter was read from Bob Baldwin of the Los Angeles office of the Wool Bureau, addressed to Jimmy Powell, Wool Promotion Chairman of the TS&GRA, regarding this visit, and Mrs. T. A. Kincaid made the motion "That the sending of Miss Wool to California be left to the direction of the President, Mrs. Stieler, and the Wool Promotion Committee." Motion carried.

The Treasurer's report was given by the President in the absence of Mrs. Crouch.

Mrs. Kincaid, Wool Promotion Chairman of the Auxiliary, gave a report on the Wool Committee meeting held in San Angelo on February 20 which was conducted by Jimmy Powell, Chairman.

"Miss Wool" Plans for 1958

There will be a representative from all thirteen of the wool growing states. The show will be held in San Angelo the last week in August. The Texas contestant will be selected this year by a panel of five men and five women at the San Angelo July 3rd and 4th celebration.

Although the Education Chairman, Mrs. Baggett, was not present, there was considerable discussion regarding her work in connection with the State Textbook Division in an attempt to have more material in our State Textbooks regarding the sheep and goat industry in Texas and it was decided to have Mrs. Baggett meet with Penrose Metcalfe, who is with the State Board of Education and is also Education Chairman of the TS&GRA, and see what progress could be made in this direction.

The following resolutions were presented by Mrs. T. A. Kincaid, chairman, who moved their adoption:

Whereas the Auxiliary to the Texas Sheep and Goat Raisers' Association has been so cordially entertained, both socially and educationally, by the faculty of Texas A. & M. College and their wives, be it resolved that our sincere thanks and appreciation be extended to them.

Especially do we wish to thank the Animal Husbandry and Student Wives Club for the excellent style show and their presentation of the charming wool and mohair fashions; also

Dr. Bethel Caster and the students of T. W. U. for presenting their original designs of woolen garments;

And to Mrs. Florence Low, Dr. Alice C. Stubbs, and Mrs. Gwendolyn Clyatt for their timely discussions on food research and marketing.

To Mrs. Harrington for the lovely coffee; to the cadets from the Saddle and Sirlion Club who escorted us to lunch, also to Mr. Ed Odum for the tour of the greenhouses and his informative discussions on a flower arrangement;

For the lovely social hour on Sunday evening and for the delicious smorgasbord in the ballroom, followed by the dance so joyfully directed by Mr. and Mrs. Manning Smith.

You have made us feel so welcome and at home, our special thanks to Dr. and Mrs. M. I. Harrington, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Rudder, Dr. and Mrs. O. D. Butler, Dr. and Mrs. T. D. Watkins, Jr., Mrs. R. E. Patterson, Mrs. John Hutchinson, Mrs. Stanley David, Mrs. Florence Low, Mrs. Gwendolyn Clyatt, Dr. Alice C. Stubbs, Dr. Kate Adelle Hill, Mrs. V. A. Young, Mrs. Bob Rhodes, Mrs. A. B. Wooten, Dr. and Mrs. Jarvis E. Miller, Mrs. Alvin Price, Mrs. W. T. Berry, Jr., Mrs. B. J. Camp, Mrs. Leonard Packett, Mrs. Richard Thallman, Mrs. B. J. Ragsdale, Mrs. Joe Wallace, President, and all members of Animal Husbandry Wives Club, also Mrs. Jack Miller, Mrs. D. W. Williams, and Mrs. R. D. Lewis.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

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By BILLIE STEVENSON

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Start With Culling

We visited Aime Frank Real, Kerrville, who is one of the many ranchmen who have been benefitting by this plus ten cents per pound. When I asked him about his wool program he said, "We start at the beginning on our grading by culling our flocks twice a year.

"In the fall just before breeding season we drench and cull our ewes at the same time. Each ewe is caught, drenched and examined. Any ewe that should be culled is marked with a chalk and later run through a cutting chute and sold. Sheep are examined and culled for old age, short fleece, too many wrinkles, too heavy fleece, fleece too light, or too coarse, also bad condition, sluggish, unattractive appearance, bad feet, mouth and bag, poor stance, wool blindness, weak behind shoulders, humpback, undesirable breed characteristics, etc.

"In the spring before shearing, the ewes are drenched again and checked for the same weaknesses. The cull ewes are marked with a chalk on their noses so they can be identified after they are shorn, at which time they are branded with a different color to be sure they are sold later. They can't be cut out at this time because of the lambs.

"We do all this to produce top quality lambs and wool. After we have done this much work, we try to prepare the wool in the best way to get full advantage of our efforts."

Good Shearing Important

"A good shearing job can add money to your clip and all sheepmen should pay more attention to the proper shearing and preparation of the clip. Sheepmen should insist on good shearing and be there when the sheep are shorn—not out rounding up the sheep. The shearing crew will not do any more than is required, but usually responds to the requests of the ranchman. The sheep have produced the best fleece they can with the grass and feed provided. The shearer can undo, in approximately five minutes, what it has taken the sheep twelve months to produce. With just a little care on the part of the shearer



If you were a wool buyer, which of these two bags would you buy? It would be the one on the left, of course, and you would probably never even examine the fleeces of the bag on the right. When a buyer prices a tagged bag like the ungraded bag on the right he lowers his price to allow for the high percentage of loss and trouble of grading the fleeces.

The bag on the left was graded at the shearing pens and properly packed. A much more attractive package than the other one.



Aime Real holds the wool open here to show the length on this aged ewe which will be culled. There are also too many wrinkles along the neck of this ewe.



Compare the length of the wool on this sheep with that on the culled ewe in the other photo. Quite a difference and it will show up in the graded wool. If the short length wool ewe was left in the flock and the wool not graded it would certainly lower the average of the wool length and the price also.

the fleece can be put up in an attractive manner.

"The shearer should make as few second cuts as possible. Second cuts are made when the shearer fails to keep the shearing head down on the skin and he goes over the same part a second time. Many second cuts may reduce the grade and value of the wool by reducing the average length.

"The shearer should be instructed to keep the fleece clean by not stepping on it and to avoid using an excessive amount of lubricating oil. Only new oil should be used. Burned lubricating oil, which many shearers use, is one of the most difficult impurities to scour out of wool.

"Shearers should also be careful about putting too much weight on the belly of a sheep, especially when it has a good fill."

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"We take every care to see that the wool is graded properly. We use six wool racks; one each for long light, short light, long heavy, short heavy, coarse and medium. Each bag is marked accordingly. The wool pickers are cautioned to roll the wool neatly and pick it up carefully so as not to tear the fleece. It is laid out on a table where all tags are removed. The fleece is then rolled in from each side, front and rear and tied with the white side out. It is then graded and put into its respective bag. We never put too many fleeces in a bag and we take great care to keep them clean.

"We keep our shearing barn very clean so no dirt or straw will get into the wool. A good cement floor to shear on is ideal. We sweep our catch pens clean so nothing can be drug onto the shearing floor to damage the wool.

"We do all these things and we are getting the most out of our sheep, which are the best money makers on the ranch. We will continue to grade our wool and cull the flocks because it has really paid off for us."

The Joe Blakeney Warehouse in San Angelo recently sold George Allison of the Colonial Wool Company 28,000 pounds of 10 months lamb wool. Mr. Allison also bought 50,000 pounds of eight months wool at the Del Rio warehouses during April.

W. A. (Piney) Montgomery, formerly of San Angelo, has opened a wool warehouse at the Union Stock Yards in San Antonio. He will handle wool and mohair and offer complete service to growers.

Johnny Hamby, Sonora, was reported the latter part of April to have sold 1,400 yearling ewes at \$21 per head for Alfred Schwiening, Sonora, and 400 head for Harold Schwiening. He sold 1,100 ewes and lambs for Mrs. E. E. Sawyer, Sonora, at \$26 a pair, out of the wool.



These fleeces lifted from the two bags shown give you a good comparison of a properly graded and rolled fleece and one that has been bagged by the old method. There is no doubt here why the graded fleece is bringing 10c per pound more than the ungraded fleece.

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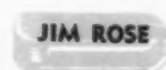
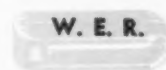
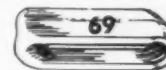
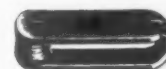
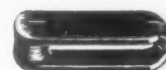
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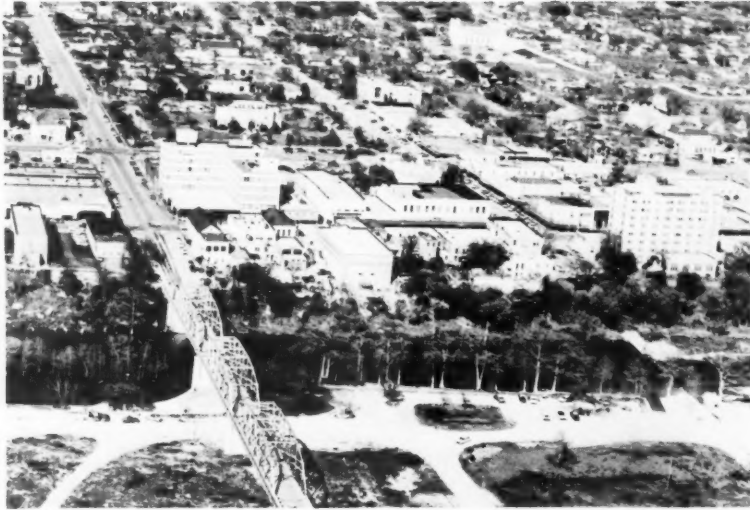
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The many rivers, streams and small lakes in this area provide fishing, swimming and boating privileges for the visitor. There are also public swimming pools like the one in the lower left corner of this page. Horseback riding is also a favorite recreation on the guest ranches.

derland that makes it a vacation paradise. There are many fine tourist resorts, motels, and hotel, and some of the best summer camps in the United States in Kerr County.

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First Annual Kerrville Wool and Mohair Show, May 31

THE KERR County Livestock Show Association will hold its first annual Wool and Mohair Show May 31 in the Agricultural Building on the San Antonio Highway at Kerrville. This show is being patterned after the Sonora Show, which has become nationally known.

Entries are invited from all over the state. Paul Suffel, executive committee member said, "It's wide open, and we urge all sheep and goat raisers to enter the show and make it a big one."

Money prizes will be awarded to the members of the Future Farmers and the County 4-H Club members. Ribbons will be awarded the adult winners and plaques and trophies will be presented for the best wool or mohair fleece and for the best bag of wool.

It is expected that the various woolen mills may have exhibits of their products on display. The Woman's Auxiliary of the Texas Sheep and Goat Raisers plan to have an attractive educational exhibit. There will be a demonstration of proper methods of shearing, of taking care of the fleeces,

and other matters pertaining to the wool and mohair industry.

Committees for the show include: Planning, Guy Powell, M. D. Gleason, Bill Oliver, Jack Groff, Dale Priour and Paul Suffel; Pictures and Equipment, Warren Klein, Conrad Klein, Charles Brandon, Dr. Russell Thomas and Edward Lange; Publicity, Carroll Abbott, Will F. Adams, Guy Powell and Forrest Salter; Catalogue and Premiums, Bill Olive, Dick Blume, Aime Frank Real and Monroe Kensing; Records and Weighing, Dr. R. D. Radeleff, Bill Oliver and Dick Blume; Sound and Announcing, Julius Neunhoffer and Francis Swayze; Promotion and Special Exhibits, Jack Groff, Dale Priour, David Brewton and Earl Garrett; Finance, Charles Schreiner III, Guy Powell, Tom Syfan, Walter Moss, Fritz Karger, J. M. Auld, Jr., and Jack Auld; Building Supervisor and Concession Chairman, Jim W. Evertson, and the Executive Committee is made up of Paul Suffel, M. D. Gleason, Guy Powell and Charles Schreiner III.

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GENERAL RULES FOR KERRVILLE WOOL AND MOHAIR SHOW

1. All entries must be submitted not later than May 20, 1958. Mail to Kerrville Wool and Mohair Show, Box 168, Kerrville, Texas. All entries must be weighed and checked in by 5:00 P.M., May 30, at the Kerr County Agricultural Building, one-half mile south of Legion on Highway 27.
2. No entries shall be removed from the show before 5:00 P.M. on May 31, 1958, unless by previous arrangement with the show committee.
3. All entries must have been shorn in 1958.
4. Commercial or Range classes of fleeces or bags must be from animals run under range conditions.
5. No entries will be accepted in Range classes from animals registered or subject to registration.
6. Twelve months wool only:
 - a. Fleeces from aged animals must not be over 12 months growth.
 - b. Fleeces from yearling animals must not be over 16 months growth.
 - c. Grades—Fine 64's and up. All other grades 58's to 64's.
7. Mohair:
 - a. Must be spring shorn, not over seven months growth.
 - b. Kid fleeces must be 32's and up.
 - c. Fleeces will be accepted in plastic bags.
8. Final decision as to the grade or class in which an entry shall compete will be determined by the judge.
9. All entries must be from animals owned by the exhibitor not less than 60 days prior to the show.
10. Each exhibitor is allowed one bag in each bag class, and two single fleeces in each single fleece class.
11. Junior exhibitor must be enrolled in the first through the twelfth grades in school the year of the show and a member of 4-H or FFA.
12. Exhibits may be disqualified if: fleeces are not properly prepared; tied with other than paper twine; excessive foreign matter or stains; and/or failure to comply with general rules.
13. Judge's decision is final.
14. Entries will be judged on: length of staple; uniformity of fiber; shrinkage, weight, character, and preparation.
15. The High Point Award trophy is for permanent possession. All other trophies are rotating and must be won three years to become a permanent possession.

What's New

BOOKLET

"PENNY-WISE and Not Pound-Foolish" is the title of a new booklet published by Caterpillar Tractor Co., Peoria, Illinois.

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These reports justify the purchase of Caterpillar Motor Graders on the basis of owning and operating cost records, which show the Caterpillar-built machines to be the most economical to own and maintain over the life of the machine. Thus, this is the best buy in terms of total cost to the taxpayer.

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DRENCHER

A NEW instrument manufactured in Australia called the Phen Master Internal Drencher is on the American market, distributed by the Lobel Chemical Corporation 165 Broadway, New York. It features a specially designed dose range controller. The instrument has many attractive features.

PINK EYE

WM. COOPER and Nephews are on the market with a pressurized "Opticure Spray" for the treatment of pink eye in sheep and cattle. The small spray can of aluminum is light, easy to use and has automatic dose measurement. The medication is highly recommended. Each bottle contains 500 or more doses.

SCREW WORM KILLER

ANOTHER PRODUCT of Wm. Cooper and Nephews new on the market is a specially packaged screw worm killer and fly repellent. The light can has a flexible flip-spout and the can itself forces the medication into the affected area. In addition to highly effective medication the product contains Tabutrex, a new formula.

SAN-TEX INTRODUCES NEW MARKING FLUID

BECAUSE OF demands of scouring plants for a marking and docking fluid that will completely scour out, San-Tex Feed & Mineral Co. is now making a product of this type. Named "San-Tex Royal Marking Fluid," the manufacturers say that wool from sheep on which this product has been used may bring as much as three cents a pound more, as wool buyers are now sometimes being instructed by their companies to pay a premium for wool which will scour completely clean.

SAN-TEX INCLUDES TABUTREX IN SCREW WORM KILLER

A NEW screw worm killer containing a powerful new repellent, "Tabutrex," is also being introduced by San-Tex. The new product, "San-Tex Royal Screw Worm Killer and Fly Repellent," combined 4½% Lindane as a killing agent and Tabutrex as a repellent. The Lindane kills any worms present, while Tabutrex prevents new infestations.

SHROPSHIRE

SHEEPMEN interested in Shropshire sheep will want to write for two new booklets issued by the American Shropshire Registry Association, Box 678, Lafayette, Indiana.

DEODORANT HELPS NEGLECTED LAMB

THIS IS the case of the cast-off lamb. Mrs. LaVerne Case of Great Bend, Kansas, solved the problem of getting the mother of twin lambs to accept both offsprings. She used one of the space fresheners which destroys odors and sprayed both the lamb and the mother ewe's nose. Everything worked out fine and by the time the smell had worn off mother and lamb a cordial working relationship had been established and the family well on the way to health and happiness.

The method can be adapted, too, in getting the orphan lamb an agreeable foster mother.

Texas Delaine News

By MRS. G. A. GLIMP

THE NEWS failed to make the last issue of the magazine, and there are some remarks pertaining to the San Angelo Stock Show that I would like to pass on to the breeders and readers of this column.

First, our appreciation to Vernon Jones and George Johanson for a very thorough, conscientious job of judging in the adult and junior shows. Both of these men are well qualified to know good sheep of any breed and have long been recognized among the sheep circles for their ability to select top breeding animals. Their deliberation was most difficult, as this show was very good in every respect.

Leo Richardson and the other members of the sheep department of this show remarked that the Delaines on exhibition in both barns were by far the best that had ever been to the shows in San Angelo. This was the largest showing of our breed, and the quality was exceptional! In fact, one interested bystander was heard to remark that in the years past our supposedly bottom end of this class would have made the top easily. It is remarks such as these that make you know that any effort and extra time spent in readying a flock for the shows has been worth while.

Annette Duncan is one of the most energetic and accomplished young ladies of our association. This girl not only fed a champion lamb, but did it twice in one year! Her ability in feeding and fitting sheep of registered Delaines is to be highly commended, and she is always on the alert to do better each time. She is already preparing her lambs for the major shows for another year in the junior breeder shows, and we are quite sure the fat lamb classes will find some of her well groomed sheep in them. The association is very proud of Annette's success, and we are wishing for her a most successful future.

Anna Rose Glasscock recently sold some ewes and a choice ram to Edward Gottschalk of Ballinger. Anna Rose is another member of this association who has made an enviable record of success in her registered sheep venture. We are very happy to have Edward on our roster, and hope he, too, can attain success.

Kenneth Stewart of Odessa is also a most welcome member of our association. He recently purchased some bred ewes from Dale Herring, and bought a top ram from Donald Bradford show flock at the San Angelo Show. Ken is very interested in this new investment, and we feel sure his enthusiasm will reap dividends.

J. D. Evans, O'Donnell FFA, bought a choice ewe from Donald Bradford to add to his flock of Delaines.

The annual directors meeting was held recently in the home of the George Johansons in Eden. This was a combined meeting with the sale committee, too. The annual show and sale was set for May 16-17 in Coleman, and a few changes are to be noted.

There will be a lamb class in addition

to the two classes in each sex previously offered. This was added hoping the 4-H and FFA boys and girls would take advantage of it. This should be of extreme interest to them, and Harold Bragg, sale chairman, reports that a good number of lamb entries are coming in. Keep these dates in mind and be on hand to purchase some of these choice lambs.

The \$5.00 entry fee on yearling and older rams was retained in order that the sale entries would have a degree of protection. There is a \$4.00 refund if the ram appears at the sale, so a breeder thinks twice before selling a consigned ram. The entries are coming in, and Harold reports that these rams should be the best ever offered because of the early sale dates. Most of the members are in agreement that

our annual sale should have our choicest offerings. There will be some champions of the major livestock shows in this sale, and we, too, feel it will be some of the best Delaines offered in several years at this time. There will be some ewes in the offering, too.

All breeders should check their volumes for the rule regarding ear tags or labels. This might prevent any discussion that could arise as to eligibility for showing in some of the major shows another year.

Dr. Maurice Shelton of the Experiment Station at McGregor was a most welcome guest at this meeting. The ram progeny tests were discussed, and we are very happy to report that Hamilton Choat & Son, David Watters, George Johanson, Texas A. & M., L. and W. Steubing, G. A. and Hudson Glimp consigned rams for the performance tests.

Dr. Shelton also discussed the research work on Delaines that was under progress, and expressed a desire for the breeders to participate in this

program by loaning or donating a choice Delaine ewe. The purpose of this is to establish a good flock of registered Delaines there, and if any breeder is interested in doing this, they prefer that the ewe be bred for fall lambing. Keep this in mind, and let's all get behind this program that will be most beneficial to our breed.

Most of the directors, pedigree committee, officers and the wives were present to partake of the gracious hospitality so abundant in the Johanson home. A most delicious buffet luncheon was served to all present, and it was enjoyed immensely.

G. C. Allen, Robert Lee, has contracted 1,600 Rambouillet mixed spring lambs to Leroy Russell, San Angelo commission man, at 21¼ cents a pound.

Some believe that this year's spring clip of mohair will be the largest ever shorn in Texas, perhaps exceeding twelve million pounds. The carryover of last year's clip was approximately 3½ million pounds.

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Angora Goat Raisers Consider Promotion

MEMBERS OF the Texas Angora Goat Raisers Association met in Fredericksburg on April 19 and gravely discussed problems of the industry. They were keenly concerned with the lack of research and promotion in the industry and the very definite need for such action. Considered also was the equally bothersome problem of arriving at a plan whereby such funds could be raised.

Brooks Sweeten, President of the T.A.G.R.A., brought before the membership these problems and discussions ranged over a vast range of ideas, culminating in the appointment of a committee of three to study and report back to the organization at its next membership meeting.

Jack Richardson, Angora goat raiser of Uvalde and State Legislator, de-

clared that the industry is in dire need of organization. "We need to support some organization capable of protecting the producer and promoting his welfare. We need to promote the idea of financing by every producer—a tax or an assessment based upon mohair production of each individual grower. It may be," he continued, "that a small levy could be placed on mohair by the State of Texas, which funds could go into the promotional work for mohair."

The discussion brought out that growers would have to be contacted generally to see if they favored supporting a move to promote mohair and to make further research into its possibilities, especially as a blend fiber with synthetics, for which it is particularly adapted and useful.

Mohair is under the incentive program now effective for wool. However, mohair has not needed an incentive payment, as it has sold the past several years above the incentive level. There was a remark that mohair may sell in the future, perhaps this year, at a price that would bring it under the same provisions operating for wool under the wool act and that by referendum the mohair growers possibly could secure their promotion fund as it is now secured by the wool growers.

Ed Patillo, Manager of the Fredericksburg Chamber of Commerce; Gilbert Eckhart, Vice-President Gillespie Fair Association, and Weinie Moehr were present to welcome the visitors and to take part in the final plan for the organization's 39th annual show and sale and the coronation of Miss Mohair to be held at Fredericksburg, July 31 to August 2.

Outstanding on the program was the report of Pete Guley to the membership on his recent trip to South Africa and his study of the Angora goat industry of that country. This report is given in detail elsewhere in this issue.

JUDGING CONTEST AT SAN ANGELO COLLEGE

JAMES A. GRAY, sheep and goat specialist at San Angelo College, has announced that the State 4-H Club wool and mohair judging contest will be held June 14 at the college, to begin at 9:00 A.M. Contestants will classify 20 wool fleeces and 20 mohair samples; then place and check reasons on two classes each of wool and mohair. There will be both junior and senior divisions and the contest is open to all counties wishing to take part. District elimination contests will not be necessary.

Pierce Hoggett, Junction, has contracted 2,200 mixed lambs to Ben Dechert, Junction, for September delivery at 21 cents. He also sold 778 yearling mutton goats to Roy Bratton, Mason, at \$7.50 per head.

The Arvin ranch of 20,257 acres in Terrell and Pecos Counties north of Sanderson was recently sold by the Arvin Estate heirs to Sid Harkins of Sanderson, who has leased and operated the ranch a number of years.

This year the ranchmen are having weed trouble — trouble from bitterweed, horehound, doing the most damage. Also, sachuiste blooms are causing some death loss in sheep, goats, and cattle. More spraying of poison to kill bitterweed is going on this year than ever before. Horehound is not too hard to eradicate. Shode is a big help in the treatment of sachuiste blooms poisoning.

W. L. (Tom) Davis and Rodney of Sonora recently sold three polled yearlings-past Rambouillet rams to C. W. Carson of Barksdale at \$125 to \$200 each. They also sold John Ward of Sonora five polled rams, and Jim Dooley of Cranfills Gap three horned range rams. Prospects for sales this year are good and they report lots of prospects. Range in Sutton and Schleicher County is good.

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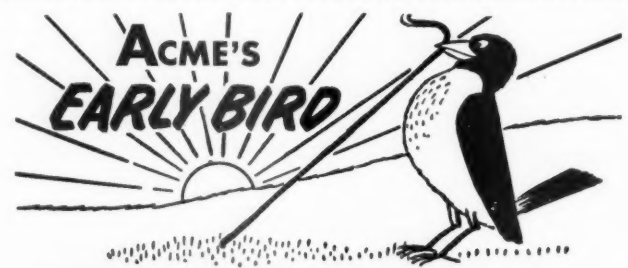
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Sledge Wicup says he's both rich and lucky. He owns two suits and the holes don't match up, so he can wear one on top of the other and be comfortable in chilly weather.

Our state ledgislacher wound up its yearly session without doin' very much harm. Congress, though — Congress ain't no bunch of amatures.

The world would be worked out of its troubles in no time if all of us worked the way we think everybody else oughta work.

Yeah, wool shrinks. But nothin' like the way a sheep's weight shrinks between the ranch scale and the stockyards scale.

Don't Spit on the Sidewalk signs has been nailed up all over our neighbor town of Beaver Slide. But they don't mean us Hardscrabblers. Ain't nothin' in Beaver Slide we'd spit on.

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Stump Horsfall turns out right clever at tamin' that kiote pup he caught over on Skunk Creek. The var-

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It's sure hard for a farmer to slow down. If he lets a field go back to the brush the brush just makes a fine place for another moonshine still and the temptation overpowers him.

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All this spring moisture has made Fodge Rucker so happy and reckless he's givin' away his money but not his licker.

The rains ain't made much difference out this way. Weeds is growin' just like weeds and crops ain't growin', just like crops.

It don't take much spring to give me spring fever nor much fever to discapassitate me for, anything faster'n motionless motion.

Forest Service don't look for hardly no fires this year on account of the woods is too wet to burn. Well, I dunno. We got experienced fire starters out here that could burn chopped ice topped with snow.

Ringtail Skump has sold his car and took to hoss- and -buggy travel. Says he done it because he likes the old, simple ways and all his neighbors put locks on their gas tanks.

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RANGE TALK

Bill Royal, Menard, recently purchased a ram from Lamar Itz for \$150. This was an outstanding Rambouillet of Lamar's show flock. Royal also purchased another ram from Leo Richardson of Iraan for \$250. Bill is a 4-H Club boy and showed almost a complete show flock in the open shows this year.

J. B. Kidd who formerly lived at Menard and who has for the last several years been fitting out lambs at Plainview, is hesitant about entering the business again under present price conditions.

"Looks a little rough for the feeder so I think I will ride along for a while

and see what happens. It looks to me as if a fellow runs a pretty good chance of losing if he tries to feed out under present market price conditions."

Malone Mitchell, Jr., Sanders, recently purchased 100 ewe lambs from the John K. Madsen Rambouillet Farm, Mount Pleasant, Utah. He is looking for some good Rambouillet rams, or was.

Pat Rose, Jr., who is operating two ranches—one in Kinney County and in Western Val Verde County on the Pecos River, says he has been jumping around too much lately, is work-

ing short-handed. Much of his time has been consumed in transporting his labor from one ranch to another, trying to get the most essential work done in order that he will have some time to spend in preparing for his sale which he will hold May 24 this year. He declares the range conditions are most excellent and that his sheep are doing fine.

W. H. (Bill) Orr, Rocksprings, well known Angora goat and Charaloise breeder, is building a new ranch home on his ranch between Rocksprings and Kerrville. He is quite a Charaloise enthusiast and for the past two years has topped the Charaloise sale at San Antonio. This year he paid \$3,200 for a bull.

SHETLAND PONY LOST

ED GUY BRANCH, Rankin, Texas, for the past three months has been trying to find a black Shetland pony, well beloved pet of his daughter, Carolyn. "She fed the pony along with her sheep and was very attached to him, as we all were. He pulled her cart in the parades in West Texas and was well known. Therefore, I think that there is a chance that some ranchman in the Southwest may have bought him from somebody without knowing that he was strayed or stolen. I surely would like to have him back and if he was stolen I would like to see the thief caught and convicted."

Mr. Branch says he is figuring on selling about 1,000 pairs of ewes and lambs right after shearing—just as soon as the lambs are weaned. He has top quality sheep and does not look for any trouble in selling them. Some of the lambs are already 50 pounds in weight and the ewes are from two to five years old, top quality Rambouillets.

NO TEXANS IN CALIFORNIA WOOL SHOW

THE CALIFORNIA wool show awards this year will not be won by Texans. We will guarantee that. For the past several years one or more champion prizes, including silver trophies about the size of an ordinary wash tub, have come to Texas. These trophies probably have more Texas names on them, we believe, than names from any other state aside from California, perhaps.

However, this is going to be changed from now on. The California wool show has barred the wool entries from Texas. Entries are open only to contestants in California and Arizona. So, Texas wool growers don't write for an entry blank.

GOOD SHOWING

IN THE 4-H Club at Menard there are a number of boys who are making great headway in their sheep work. One of these is young Donald Bradford who specializes in Delaine sheep. This year on the circuit his list of winnings was quite praiseworthy. They included: 11 champions, 7 reserve champions, 20 first places, 23 second, 18 third, 7 fourth, 8 fifth, 3 sixth, 4 seventh and 5 eighth at Abilene, Dallas, Menard, El Paso, San Antonio, Houston and San Angelo. He won \$867 in premiums with nine Delaines and three Columbias.

DEMONSTRATION ON RICHARDSON RANCH

THE LEO RICHARDSON ranch near Bakersfield in Pecos County was the site of a demonstration of root-plowing and range seeding, March 31. Approximately 50 acres were plowed and seeded to Blue Panic, Blue Gramma, Sideoats Gramma and Plains Bristlegrass. Most of the plowing was on a deep, upland site and a few acres on a mountain top where the soil is shallow. Several trial tracts have been established in this same area and the result of these trials are expected to be quite beneficial to the ranchmen who are interested in re-seeding depleted rangeland in the area.

The demonstration was sponsored by the Trans-Pecos Conservation District and the Treanor Equipment Company of Odessa.

MENARD CLUBBERS HAVE LARGE SHOW FLOCK

DON SHELTON, Menard County Agent, is quite proud of his 4-H Club boys and their show work this year. In addition to Bill Royal, Donald Bradford, who had a sizeable show flock this year with equally commendable winnings, there are John Brooks Landers, who showed in the Junior Breeder Show at San Angelo, Scottie Menzies who also showed in this show and was state winner in the Texas Sheep and Goat Raisers' Association award, and a first-year club member, Rhonda Smith, 10, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Smith. Rhonda is working with Columbias and fat lambs, and there is John M. Menzies, 10, son of Mr. and Mrs. Max Menzies, who is starting out with Rambouillet sheep. His first show was at Houston this year.

The Menard 4-H Club boys fitted their largest show flock this year—some 45 head of sheep, and in the summing-up time they had won nearly \$1500 in awards.



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From Geology to Grass

By ROY A. BOX

PRESTON WOOD has a lot of range improvement to show for the short time he has had his ranch near Jacksboro, Texas. What he has done is attracting a lot of local attention, and is influencing others to try the same treatment on their lands.

He isn't a rancher by profession; his

work has been in the oil fields as a geologist. This experience, coupled with his college training, has given him a background knowledge of soils. Since acquiring his ranch in 1954, he has concentrated on learning all he could of the native grasses and their management. When a problem confronts him, he gets together all the facts and information that will be helpful in reaching a solution.

Wood felt that he had a big problem on his hands when he bought the ranch. It was fenced with barbed wire in one pasture of 1,940 acres. The sandy, rough and upland soils were covered with a heavy growth of post-oak brush and the smaller woody plants that usually replace the native bluestems and Indiangrass, when they are too heavily used.

How to improve the grass cover, and yet make it pay out, was the problem he had to solve.

He knew that the Soil Conservation Service, assisting the Upper West Fork Soil Conservation District, could help him make a conservation plan to be used as a sort of blueprint, or ranching guide, in treating his land. One of his first steps was to ask for that help. Later, he also requested assistance from the County ASC Office in carrying out some of the conservation practices which were planned.


The immediate need was to do something about the brush. This involved deciding on a method to use and the follow-up management to put into effect.

Decision was made to fence the ranch into two main pastures, using goat-proof wire. A contract was made with a neighboring rancher to build the fence and look after the goats. A contract was also made to have the trees dragged down on one of the pastures, 1,100 acres in size. Eighteen hundred wether goats were bought. All this was done early in 1955.


That spring and summer it seemed, at times, the sprouts would outdistance the goats. But, by frost, they had pretty well cleaned up the sprouts, and were moved to the other pasture. Here they were carried through the winter on supplemental feed.

Again in the spring of 1956, they were moved to the 1,100 acres, and at the end of the season, taken to the other pasture to winter. In 1957, the number of goats was reduced to 950, and run for the third season on the 1,100 acres. In the meantime, ponds were built and salting stations estab-

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"The improvement of the grass cover is remarkable," Wood says. "I just don't know where all the tall grasses came from. The amazing thing is that they are distributed uniformly over the entire 1,100 acres. In addition to little bluestem, there is a lot of Indiangrass and big bluestem. Of course, they were there all the time, but were so weakened from overuse and shading that they were unable to make any noticeable growth."

Wood has used no cattle on the ranch since he began, but is thinking of running steers on the 1,100 acres, beginning in the summer of 1958. He says the grasses have a better chance for recovery when goats only are used until the brush is under control.

The operation of the ranch has shown a net gain, Wood says, even though initial costs of fencing, dragging brush, and goats were heavy. Sale of mohair has paid for these in full and made a cash return, beside, in a period of 31 months. The largest return, Wood thinks, is in the increased value of the land due to higher production from the improved range condition. He estimates that production jumped from almost nothing to as much as five thousand pounds of dry weight forage per acre.

Recently, he has begun work on the other 840-acre pasture. His goal is to bring the entire ranch back to Good or Excellent Range Condition. His three years experiences in applying his conservation plan has given results beyond his expectations; but, his greatest satisfaction, however, has come from knowing what to do and getting a good job done.

PLANS DESIGNED FOR LARGER KIMBLE SHOW

PLANS ARE now underway in Kimble County to have a much larger Angora goat show in 1959. Kimble County has for a long time ranked second in the number of Angora goats on its ranches in the State. It has six old foundation flocks which each year supply many sires for other registered flocks. The two sires whose get led in four sales in 1957 were Kimble-bred bucks.

In the past the man selected to judge sheep, cattle, hogs, and poultry has also placed the Angora goats. The breeders feel that the show would be strengthened if some prominent breeder were asked to do the judging at future shows. This is to bring the placings in line with those at other shows in which the animals will be shown. Some of the placings in the past have not conformed to those at other shows. Sales records of the animals as breeding stock were also not in line with show placings. Just because a man is a good sheep, cattle, or hog judge does not make him a good goat judge. Angora goats are in a class all their own. A show to be successful must have the support of the majority of the breeders since they are the ones who determine to a great extent the quality of the animals which club boys and girls get to exhibit. A well qualified judge is one way to insure breeder support.

—MELVIN CAMP



With a "Cat" attached to each end of this heavy anchor chain, Preston Wood had eleven hundred acres of brush "dragged" in 1955. This shows the condition of the pasture at the start.



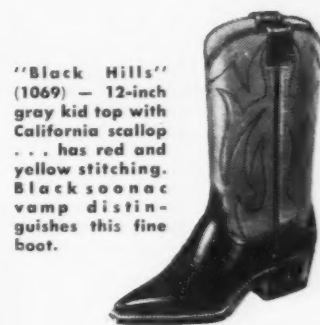
Checking the height of the Indiangrass thirty-one months after the dense growth of trees had been pulled down, Wood is amazed at the growth it has made.



Preston Wood, right, and R. A. Box, Range Conservationist, examine the fill in heads of big bluestem. Little bluestem is in full head in foreground; Indiangrass towers in background.

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NEW ZEALAND has beaten the rabbit. There are now fewer of the pests on sheep stations and farms than at any time in living memory, states the Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organization. Success has been due to the so-called "killer policy" which has been developed during the past few years. Locally elected boards carried out the work of rabbit destruction by employing their own staff. All commercial traffic in rabbits was stopped. Myxomatosis played no part in this control operation. Two attempts to introduce the deadly rabbit-killing disease failed, due apparently to a shortage of mosquitoes in New Zealand. Poison has been the

chief weapon, and aerial poisoning has proved cheap and effective, especially in areas with low sheep carrying capacity.


DRIGGERS HEADS NEW MEXICO CATTLEMEN

W. I. "BUSTER" DRIGGERS, Santa Rosa, was elected president of the New Mexico Cattle Growers Association during the 44th Annual Convention in Albuquerque, March 25. A former vice-president, Driggers has been active in association affairs for the past 20 years. Other officers include: Vice-Presidents: W. W. Benton, Datil; John Stark, Whitewater;

Les Davis, Cimarron; and Kyle Taylor, Maljamar. E. O. Moore, Jr., was named Secretary-Treasurer and Horace H. Hening, Albuquerque, was re-elected for his 18th year as Executive Secretary.

Bill Volkmann, Menard, around the first of April sold a string of yearling ewes to Jamie Kothmann, Menard commission man, at \$21 out of the shearing pens. Kothmann also bought 245 yearling and two-year-old mutton goats at \$7 shorn, for delivery to Roy Bratton who shipped them north. They sheared about 6¾ pounds. Volkmann sheared 1,027 mixed goats, getting 6,827 pounds of mohair which was taken at the Frank Highsmith Warehouse at Menard.

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Have you any experimental farms in Texas that test and give reliable reports on what not to do in regards to livestock feeds? After a mild winter, spring is here and we will enjoy the coming season's work on this 2,000-acre grain and cattle ranch. They are increasing the numbers of sheep and milk goats kept in Alberta, with so much feed here, more are needed.

R. S. MacINTYRE
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Note: Texas A. & M., College Station, Texas, has done some experimental work with Aureomycin.

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There was a good deal of variation in estimates by industry appraisal committee on noilage, soundness, condition and color and character. Further experiments are to be made to help increase accuracy and uniformity of estimates.

THE PRICE SOREMOUTH VACCINATOR POPULAR

THE SOREMOUTH vaccinator invented and patented by Foster Sims Price of Sterling City has been going like a house afire the last two years, according to Mr. Price, who has been manufacturing and selling the instrument to wholesalers.

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Livestock Situation

(Continued from page 9)

and prime steers ranging upwards of \$33 in price were netting owners profits ranging up to \$200 per head.

At the close of March the top moved up to \$39.50, a new high since April, 1952. A couple of weeks later the top for high prime steers dropped slightly under the \$36 mark. Feedlot mates of \$39 steers at the high point had to sell at \$37 a couple of weeks later. At the same time high choice and prime steers that managed to sell up to \$37.50 later had to sell at \$32.50.

To the surprise of many, much of the early April price cutting took place in the limited showing of longer-fed steers grading high choice and prime even though numbers of such kinds remained small. Kinds grading average choice and below also dropped back from the recent highs, but losses here were not nearly so sharp as those in the better grades.

Even though the fat cattle market reacted somewhat lately, Corn Belt cattle feeders remained aggressive buyers of stockers and feeders and most classes of replacement cattle continued to bring the highest prices in more than five years. Buying for current needs was done mainly in feeding steers since the bulk of the lighter weight stockers available in most areas the past few months were purchased or contracted earlier.

Reports recently indicated that more interest is developing in some sections for replacement cattle for late summer and fall delivery. Fall contracting was done recently within a range of 23.50 to \$25 for yearling steers, while heifer yearlings ranged down to \$22. Steer calves were reported going under contract for fall delivery from \$30 to \$34, with instances reported up to \$36. Contracts for heifer calves ranged up to \$34.

Hog producers also experienced a downward trend during early April after hog prices late in March climbed to the highest point since last August. Top hogs moved up to \$23 during the final week of March and immediately increased the beliefs that top hogs could reach the \$25 mark without too much difficulty. However, these ideas were short lived, at least for the time being, as the hog trade suddenly turned the other way. Top hogs that were expected to reach the \$25 mark were soon selling under \$22 for the first time in more than a month.

Contributing to the decline in hog prices was the continued poor relationship between costs of live hogs and dressed values. Wholesale prices failed to keep pace with the live market when the latter was advancing and the spread between the two became so unfavorable for the pork processor that a decline in the live market had to be made. Packers made no attempts to widen the spread in hogs with the result that the bulk of the hogs continued to sell within a narrow range

of about \$1. However, this could possibly change soon as the average weight of hogs began to show a slight increase about the middle of April.

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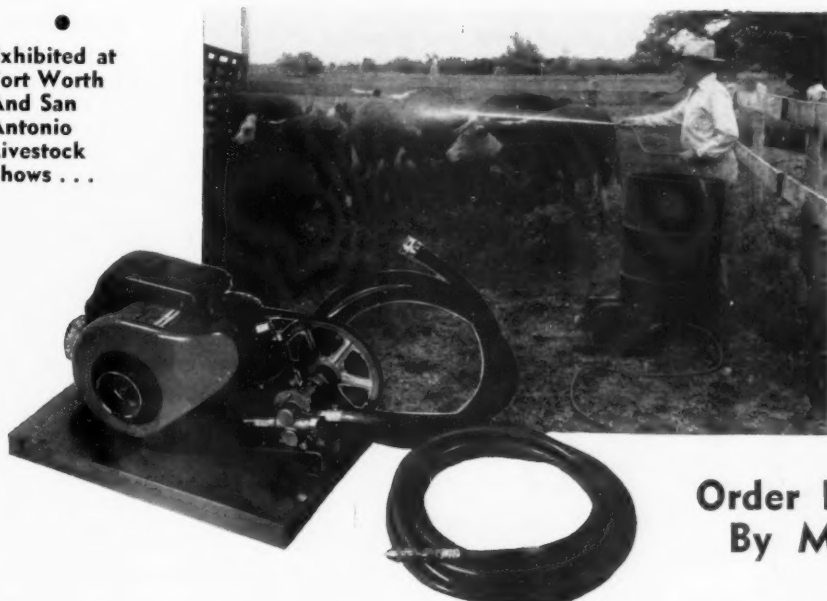
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Report on My Trip to Texas--August, 1957

By PERCY THEOPHILUS

BEFORE PREPARATIONS for launching the satellite "Sputnik" had been completed by the Russian scientists, another band of industrious men, namely, The S. A. Angora Ram Breeders Society, had successfully shot off a flying farmer to that great and glorious land called Texas. Now, for the benefit of the unenlightened, Texas is the biggest of the 48 States which make up the U. S. A., and the Texans certainly delight in telling you so. Even the roadway signposts say "The sun has riz, the sun has set, and here you is in Texas yet! !!"

Some time ago the Texas Angora Goat Raisers Association, extended an invitation to our society to send a representative to attend their annual shows and ram sales, and I was extremely lucky to be chosen for the job. Mohair growers throughout the world have gratefully welcomed the return of a keen demand for their product, and the boom prices that have followed since 1945 have stimulated interest to a degree unheard of in the past. How well do we remember those trying years since 1930 when thousands of bales of beautiful mohair lay in coastal warehouses and inland stores, virtually unwanted at even a penny a pound. Now, with world demand improving steadily as the uses for mohair increased tenfold, there came a reward we had so richly deserved, yet waited so long to enjoy. There can be surely little doubt that, in certain important aspects, mohair stands supreme amongst all other animal fibers in the world, and these qualities have stood the acid test against all comers. For this reason then it is important, and even imperative that mohair growers throughout the world must work in closest harmony, so that they can ensure that the quality of their product will continue to arouse the interest of the manufacturer and the consumer in spite of strong outside competition. We were thus extremely grateful to our brother farmers in Texas for their kind invi-

EDITOR'S NOTE: We are presenting here one of the most interesting and significant commentaries on Texas ranching and the mohair industry in particular that has been written.

Here's how an out-of-the-country visitor sees us. Written by a well educated man, Mr. Theophilus also is well qualified to discuss the mohair industry.

Although vastly different breeding objectives of the South African Angora goat producers from those of our growers quite likely contributes to Mr. Theophilus' unflattering appraisal of domestic Angoras, nevertheless, palatable or not, much truth is apparent in it. Herein lies much of the significance of Mr. Theophilus' candid statement—What is the grower to do about it? Will there be any attempt to better the quality of the Angora goat, remedy the glaring defects in preparing the mohair for market or improve the general tone of the industry by better facilities, prettier ranch homes and a stronger, more effective working relationship of one breeder with the other? We hope so.

Most grateful are we for the contact with Mr. and Mrs. Theophilus and his unusual and most interesting report on his sojourn in this country. As this report is so lengthy we are offering it in several issues of this magazine.

tation, and on to my slender shoulders fell the heavy burden of carrying out the duties of an ambassador and a diplomat, as well as those of a judge and a salesman.

Accompanied by my wife, I left Jan Smuts Airport as the friendly South African sun dipped behind the western horizon on Sunday 28th July, and I know that the official who weighed my baggage so carefully never suspected that nearly half the weight was made up with samples of the finest mohair we can grow, and photographs of the best Angora goat rams and ewes this country can produce. After being served a delightful meal in the diningroom amongst the clouds we settled down to sleep as the advertisements say you do!!!, but I merely succeeded in barking my shins and filling the ashtrays with cigarette butts. We landed at Leopoldville at 1:30 A.M. and at Kano six hours later where tropical heat and a million flies hit you as you step off the aircraft. Soon after leaving Kano the mighty Sahara desert came into view and for hour after hour and mile after mile, this great sandy waste spread its giant carpet beneath the wings of the DC6. Fearfully, and yet hopefully, I watched the starboard engines as they spun the props in the desert air, and gratefully did I wink at them as they came to rest at the Lisbon airport. The sight of the Mediterranean coast after



PERCY THEOPHILUS
JANSEVILLE, SOUTH AFRICA

so many hours of dreary desert scene, gave promise that civilization had not been lost forever, and Gibraltar standing proudly on the shore confirmed this in no uncertain manner. We left Lisbon at 7:00 P.M. flying absolutely due west and at such a speed, we kept the setting sun balanced for nearly two hours on the edge of an ever changing horizon. It was the most fantastic and certainly the longest sunset I have ever seen. Another sleepless night on the plane made me even more thrilled to see the Statue of Liberty standing proudly at the entrance to New York harbour, as we flew low over the city to the airport. Within a few minutes of landing we found ourselves engulfed in a seething mass of humanity, all being shepherded swiftly and efficiently through the customs and immigration offices. "What do you do in South Africa?" said the official to me as he scanned my passport. "I am a farmer," said I, drawing myself up to my full height. "Forget it Son," he replied, "You will get rich far quicker if you pick up the diamonds in the streets of Kimberly!"

Unfortunately our plane to Texas was delayed for two hours when part of the landing gear collapsed just before taking off, so we were forced to sit around and commiserate with one another on the fact that we would miss the connections we had planned to our ultimate destination. However,

the luxury of a DC7B flying hotel, and the pleasure of being waited upon by two of the prettiest and most efficient air-hostesses I have ever seen, brought up the credit side considerably. A cloud ceiling obscured my view of the country nearly all the way, but when we dropped down from 20,000 feet just outside of Dallas, I caught my first glimpse of Texas ranching country, it reminded me of the area around Grahamstown. As we stepped off the plane still dressed in our winter woolies which a July night in Johannesburg had demanded we put on, we were even more conscious of the terrific heat of a mid-summer Texas day. The mercury stood at 112 degrees. However, the discomfort was of short duration because the moment we opened the air terminal door it was beautifully cool inside, and the transformation so great that I could hardly believe that this was the airconditioning I had read about, but never experienced as yet. We discovered later that nearly all the buildings and even the cars have airconditioning, units fitted.

Flying from Dallas to Austin, the capital city of Texas, was a novel experience as we came face to face for the first time with the boys in five gallon boots and ten gallon hats. The plane was small and noisy and I tried vainly to talk to a fellow passenger, but perhaps it was the noise plus the fact that we talk and they shout at each other, that made it so difficult for him to understand me. However, he managed to grasp that we needed some help, so on arrival he called a taxi to assist us, concluding with this remark, "These folk don't speak English so good!" The taxi had to drive us to our destination some 90 odd miles away as we had missed the last bus. His charges for this long drive, was of course, given in dollars, and I was then mentally quite incapable of working out the cost per mile. After so many hours of continuous travel and two sleepless nights I would gladly have traded my farm for a bed.

Fredericksburg is in the heart of the Angora Goat country of Texas, and is a little town not unlike Somerset East. One long main street passes through the centre, and on the right as you enter stands the Nimitz Hotel, named after the father of the famous Admiral Nimitz. Our room was ready

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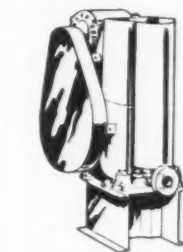
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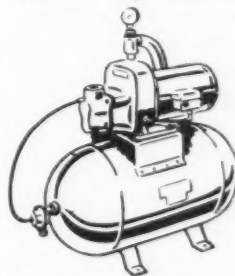


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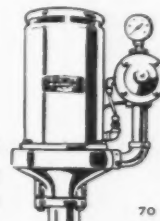


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My Trip to Texas

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when we arrived at 10:30 P.M. and we fell into bed dog tired. Next morning at 8:00 A.M. the secretary of the Texas Angora Goat Raisers Association phoned me to say he was awaiting our arrival at breakfast, and would we join him as soon as ready. I walked downstairs filled with apprehension, but instead of a line of six shooters, I looked down on a smiling bunch of Texans with hands outstretched in welcome. Thus did I meet them, and thus did I learn to know and love them throughout my stay.

Texans have developed a brand of kindness, sincere friendship and hospitality which, I am sure, is unequalled in the world. After the meal I was introduced to the President, Mr. Brooks Sweeten and his family. He drove us in a lovely limousine to Kerrville, some forty miles away, and I was able to get my first glimpse of ranching country. This area enjoys an annual rainfall of between fifteen and twenty inches, and looks rather like our grassveld in the coastal regions. Travelling in Texas is a joy, and presents no hardship. Lovely big automobiles that are fantastically ducoed in a vivid splash colours, glide along the great smooth highways at speeds we would never dare attempt. Not one single pothole or corrugation did I see throughout 4,000 miles of motoring. Ask anyone in this country where his car is, and they will tell you "it is in the garage" or "I haven't one." Ask any Texan where his car is, and he will ask "which one?" Mother and Father each have their own, and that goes for John and Judy too. Second-hand cars and wrecks are parked and even stacked at intervals along the highways. Later when I went to Arizona and Nevada I found that they used these wrecks for filling up erosion gulleys. It must be a novel way to combat erosion with a mixture of models, some of which are still in very good condition. I wondered

whether they also get a subsidy on these anti-erosion works!!

Kerrville is a pretty little town and seemingly very prosperous. I was introduced to many leading citizens, included amongst these the manager of the local bank. He was extremely nice and friendly and I felt that I detected faintly a figure of 3% when I looked into his eyes, but I am not sure!!! After a very tasty lunch, we went out of town to a warehouse and I was to receive my first rude shock in Texas when the manager showed me Texas wool and mohair. I learnt later that, with a few exceptions, every rancher in the country dumps his produce unskirted, unclassified and unsorted into huge bags weighing up to 350 lbs. The good and the bad, the clean and the dirty all lie side by side to await the buyer. From one bale of wool I drew out some beautiful 80s quality wool that was mixed with the backs and bellies of a crossbred sheep. The mohair was just the same, in fact I thought it was even worse, as the various types found in one bale could be greater. The hair varied in length from 2½ to six inches, and was extremely oily. Some fleeces were very burry and with lox and seconds still mixed in it appeared very unattractive indeed. How any buyer can estimate the clean yield of a bale of wool or mohair without harm to himself or the seller, is a complete mystery. In view of the above conditions, it was extremely difficult to assess accurately what the difference is between the prices they get, and those ruling on our markets, but I do know that they are considerably less.

Wherever I went I found the same conditions, and I tackled the ranchers in no uncertain manner about their lack of pride in their produce and the crude manner in which they market same. The warehousemen welcomed my criticism and egged me on to persuade the ranchers to mend their ways. They asked me all about our methods, and I welcomed the opportunity of telling them of our lovely shearing sheds, meticulous classing methods, the tuition we can get from government colleges, and the extremely attractive and efficient manner in which brokers display our produce before it is sold by auction. Several warehousemen begged me to stay on and assist them in reorganising the whole set-up, but I was reluctantly obliged to decline. From some bales I withdrew fleeces of wool rolled up and tied with string just as they had been sheared off the sheep. I threw these out onto a table and handled them as if they were being dealt with in our sheds. All the outsorts were removed and classed as we do, the backs and necks placed separately and the final clean fleece neatly rolled and binned according to length and fineness. Most of my audience nodded approvingly, but one rancher remarked that it seemed too much like hard work. I turned to him and said, "Well someone has to do the job, and whoever does it must get paid, and you, and you alone will foot the bill. At present it is being done in Boston where labour is much more expensive than yours, and even if the saving you would make does not interest you, surely it is a pleasant duty to present the fruits of your labour in an attractive and proper manner."

All warehouses carry big stocks of dips, veterinary supplies, fencing material and other farm requisites. These are supplied to the ranchers on credit, and accounts are deducted from sales of produce. Money is also loaned at reasonable rates of interest. This is an essential service to ranchers, as their produce may lie in the warehouses for months before being bought by a visiting buyer. During the afternoon many of the ranchers came to discuss with me items of general interest, and I was able to hear about the problems that seem to be the lot of the man on the land in every country in the world. Internal parasites seemed to be very troublesome indeed, and like farmers in the high rainfall area, these poor ranchers spend their lives drenching stock with the various worm remedies. I am now more convinced than ever, that we must endeavour to correct the nutritional value of our grazing as a means of combating internal parasites, rather than the incessant dosing of harmful poisons. Nature will send an army of worms to destroy any weakling and thus ensure that her law of survival of the fittest is carried out, and it is up to us to assist her. I have endeavored to carry out these ideas on this farm for the past seven years, and the results have been most amazing and certainly gratifying. Blowfly appeared to be particularly bad throughout the U.S.A. and I found that even Angora goats were struck on any wounds they may get from shearing cuts, etc. There are many proprietary remedies on the market and each rancher has his own fancy. B.H.C. is the main ingredient used in these remedies but Dieldrin is almost unheard of.

It was late when we left Kerrville to return to Fredericksburg and the air was now somewhat cooler, but still over 100 degrees in the shade. I caught a glimpse of goats and sheep as we sped along at 85 miles an hour, but they were some distance from the road. We drove straight to the sale pens on arrival, and here the familiar scene of trucks being off-loaded met my eyes. Approximately 75 goats had already arrived and the place was a hive of activity, ranchers and their wives and families all busy getting their animals penned and fed. I hurried somewhat rudely away to get a close-up view of the first Texas-bred goats I had ever seen, and within five minutes I received my second shock. The secretary, Mr. Pete Gulley, had

told me that this was to be the sale, and I would see here the best that Texas could produce and all the exhibits would be fully registered animals. Walking quickly up and down the pens, I glanced at each breeder's lot, but in vain did I search for something that would shake off my earlier feelings of disappointment. They appeared to be a bunch of very ordinary flock goats and far below our standard. Many of the breeders came forward to greet me in the typical friendly Texan manner, and I was asked to inspect and comment on many animals within the first half hour of my arrival.

In Texas all rams are called "bil-lies" and ewes are referred to as "does" if they are registered, and "nannies" if they are just flock ewes. None of the exhibits on the show had been prepared or "got up" in the manner we do, but they are fed and blanketed for months on end with thick canvas material. Any breeder in this country knows that there is an art in the preparation of exhibits for show, and although blanketing is essential in this preparation it must be done with great care so that the animals do not suffer excessive heat and perspire freely as a result. Most of the rams were extremely oily and carried the broad flat lock type of mohair which seemed rather on the short side and somewhat coarse in fibre. These rams are referred to as the "B Type" bucks, and are much more popular than the finer ringlety goats which are called "C Type." Many of the breeders openly boasted that they would shear as much as 20 pounds of mohair from a two-tooth ram with six months growth and when I saw the amount of oil present in the fleeces, it appeared quite possible. Having just seen the manner in which the mohair is baled and marketed, I was able to understand why so much stress was laid on the weight of the fleece. It would be folly for a rancher to grow clean, good quality hair if no premium price was paid to him for his trouble. This system of selling mohair has undoubtedly ruined Texas Angora goats and created a breeding policy that I regard as extremely detrimental to the future of the mohair industry. The practice of breeding for weight by continually selecting oily goats even when such sires have other undesirable faults as well, is something that should be condemned in the strongest terms possible.

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My Trip to Texas

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I arrived back at the hotel at midnight and lay awake for some time wondering how much allowance I should make for different grazing and climatic conditions. Any breeder knows that these factors have a profound effect on the constitution of the goat and the quality of the hair, but I was at a loss to know how much the change in conditions could be blamed for the obvious difference between their goats and ours. I was back at the sale pens by 5:30 A.M. and worked with the judges throughout the day to assist and learn all I possibly could from them. We examined every ram on the sale and selected about sixty of the best, these were taken out of the pens and then the difficult task of placing the best twenty-five in order of merit was finally accomplished. The unfavourable conditions in the barn made judging extremely difficult. The light was very bad, and there were only the breeders and their wives to assist us with the holding of the rams. However, the job was finally completed and I note the following criticism recorded in my diary that night: "Now that the judging of the goats on the show is over, I am convinced that my earlier impressions were well-founded and that, as regards the top twenty-five rams selected, not one would be considered good enough to be offered at our annual ram sale as a stud sire. In my opinion they were only average flock rams and the following faults were most noticeable:

- "(1) Poor constitution due chiefly to internal parasites.
- "(2) 80% of the exhibits were either cow hocked, sickle hocked or both.
- "(3) Some of the rams had very narrow shaped horns, others were very erect.
- "(4) There were several rams on show with split toes—a bad breeding fault.
- "(5) Generally speaking the heads were 'hard' and did not show enough breed.
- "(6) Prominent tails and beards confirmed this lack of breeding points.
- "(7) Due no doubt to the fact that they favour the B type bucks that

have flat locked mohair, the goats had very little finish to their fleeces. The necks are straight, and the britches harsh and skimpy.

"(8) In the C type goats some very bad cases of sponginess were evident.

"(9) The mohair generally lacked lustre, style, soft handle and length."

Naturally the criticism offered above is based on standards generally accepted in this country and if they are wrong, then my remarks must also be wrong. There are unfortunately no world wide standards to go by such as there are in cattle or horses, so we are prone to wander off the beaten track along lines dictated by individual whim and fancy. If mohair growers throughout the world could, in conjunction with the trade, lay down a set of standards to guide breeders in their selection, then I would feel much more hopeful about the future of mohair.

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SHEARING SCHOOL PAYS DIVIDENDS

THE SHEARING school recently held at Ozona under the auspices of the Texas Sheep and Goat Raisers' Association and the Texas Educational Agency was a marked success, according to ranchmen who have observed it. Miles Pierce of Alpine is an enthusiastic booster. He declared that when his shearing crew came out to the ranch were short of shearers and he sent to Ozona and got four of the youngsters who took the shearing course and he reported that while their shearing was slower than the old hands there were few shear cuts and very few second cuts.

It is reported that every one of the 19 young men who took part in the shearing school are now engaged in shearing somewhere in the field.

"Lack of young shearers is becoming critical in West Texas," declare almost every ranch operator and the shearing school such as that held at Ozona if multiplied by ten or fifteen could be the solution to this particular labor shortage.

Jack Richardson, Uvalde, has sold over 3,000 yearling goats to Dr. Y. C. Smith, Corpus Christi. Over 1,600 yearling does went at \$13 per head and around 1,400 yearling muttons at \$10. The animals sheared approximately five pounds per head and were to be delivered about May 24.

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GLENN H. KOTHMANN, 30, San Antonio livestockman and legislator, has announced his candidacy for state Agriculture Commissioner. A native of San Antonio, Kothmann graduated from Texas A. & M. in 1950 with a degree in agriculture. He has a well rounded background and experience in livestock and agriculture, having served on all important agriculture committees while serving in the legislature. He is in the livestock business

with his family, a well known Texas livestock and ranch family for over 100 years. The Kothmanns have operated on the San Antonio Union Stockyards since 1893. Kothmann is a member of the Texas Sheep and Goat Raisers' Association, Texas Cattle Raisers' Association, National Guard Association, Texas A. & M. Ex-Students Association, San Antonio Junior Chamber of Commerce, the Chamber of Commerce, the American Legion and the Texas Farm Bureau. In 1957 he was chosen one of the five outstanding young men of the year in San Antonio.

FRED BALL HEADS SAN ANGELO SHOW

THE DATES for the first San Angelo Fat Stock Show and Rodeo to be held in the New Coliseum were set for March 5 to 8 at a meeting April 12. Fred Ball was re-elected general chairman; X. B. Cox, Jr., Assistant Chairman, and Emmett D. Cox, Treasurer. Members voted to sponsor the annual steer roping and branding again this year with the date to be named later. Chili Cole is chairman. Re-elected were six directors: Fred Ball, E. D. Cox, John Jordan, Jack Drake and Grady Mitcham, all of San Angelo, and Marion Sansom III of Paint Rock. Approved by the stock show members was a long range plan submitted by Max Lovett, architect, for permanent improvements on the fairgrounds, including fences and additional livestock barns.

CONGRATULATIONS!

ADAM WILSON, JR., well known Kerr County ranchman, has been named the outstanding farmer of the year. He has practiced soil conservation for many years, and his written reports and his contribution to the soil conservation program won for him the trophy in the statewide contest.

JACK MILLER GOES TO OREGON

DR. J. C. (JACK) MILLER has resigned as dean of the School of Agriculture, Texas A. & M. College, effective June 30. Dr. Miller has accepted the appointment as head of the Department of Animal Husbandry at Oregon State College, Corvallis, Oregon, July 1. He has been at Texas A. & M. 16 years. Dr. Miller is well known to ranchmen of Texas.

The Junction Warehouse Company was reported about the middle of April to have sold around a carload of straight adult mohair at 50 cents a pound.

Charles Griffin, Manager of Producers Wool and Mohair Company, Uvalde, reported the sale of a carload of new clip eight months wool the middle of April to Al Dishman for Emery, Russell & Goodrich, Boston, at 40 to 45 cents a pound. The warehouse also sold a half carload of straight kid mohair the week of April 6 at 90 cents a pound.

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Report on Trip to South Africa

By P. E. GULLEY, Uvalde

IN THIS report I will try, to the best of my ability, to cover briefly the South African Mohair Industry.

Mohair Producing Area

The Angora area of South Africa is in that part of the Cape area known as the Karroo section. It derives its name from a shrub that grows abundantly in this section. This shrub is not found in any other part of South Africa. The Karroo area is approximately 100 miles by 200 miles, with an elevation from 2,000 to 3,000 feet, and mountains from 500 to 1,000 feet high in a majority of this area.

The normal rainfall of the Karroo runs from 10 - 15 inches, with the exception of one small section which has an average of 18 - 20 inches. This entire Karroo section is suffering a drouth that has lasted in some parts three years, and in other parts four years. This drouth had not broken at the time I left South Africa.

Nutritional Value of Range

The nutritional value of the South African range is very high; and, in my opinion, definitely higher than

that of the Texas Angora range. This is due to the balance they have of various types of herbs, brushes and grasses of which the Karroo shrub plays no small part. Also the elevation of their range is ideal for Angora goats.

The Angora Goat of South Africa

The South African Angora, after it reaches an age of two years, is larger than the Texas Angora of similar age; but, in my opinion, their kids and yearlings are no larger. I am aware of the fact that the drouth they are going through would have an effect on the size of their young goats, but in making this comparison have assumed this drouth would not have any more effect on the growth of the South African goat than the Texas drouth had on the Texas Angora.

They do have, in all ages, a better body conformation and a larger bone. The fleece is a light shrinkage fleece that yields an average of 85% clean mohair and has more length than the Texas fleeces, with the big difference being in the uniformity of length of

the South African fleece. The type of fleece called ideal by the Stud Breeders and Mohair Dealers of South Africa is a fleece that comes out straight from the body $\frac{1}{2}$ to $\frac{3}{4}$ inch and then forms small flat locks about $\frac{1}{4}$ inch wide, with three or four of these flat locks twisting together into a medium size lock. Points that South African Angora authorities consider should be avoided at all times in selecting breeding stock are:

1. The tightly rolled, straight staple lock—the lock that is commonly called the pencil ringlet. They claim this lock will produce a fleece that is too light.
2. Locks with a great amount of krimp and a fleece carrying too much black oil, both of which they claim will retard the growth of the mohair, particularly in the older animals.

Regarding the quality of their mohair, I personally do not think, on an average, the South African mohair is much, if any, finer than Texas mohair. I brought back samples of their best hair, and samples of, what I considered, average hair and will be glad to show these samples to any interested person; and they can make their own decision regarding the difference, if any, in quality.

Method of Shearing and Preparing Mohair for Market

All shearing of Angoras in South Africa is done with hand shears. They claim machine shearing burns the skin and retards the growth of the next fleece, and that hand shearing

EDITOR'S NOTE: P. E. Gulley, Secretary of the Texas Angora Goat Raisers' Association, recently returned from an inspection tour of the South African Angora goat industry, a trip which was in a measure a reciprocation of that made last summer by Mr. and Mrs. Percy Theophilus. Mr. Theophilus' report of his American trip is to be printed in detail in this magazine, beginning in this issue. Here in this magazine, therefore, are brought together the views of two widely divergent branches of the world's Angora goat industry. Both reports are interesting. Texas growers should benefit from them.

gives the animal a much better bad weather protection than machine shearing. A great many of the ranches have their own power shearing equipment and use it in shearing their sheep.

I find that most of the ranchmen use their own ranch labor to do the shearing; however, in some cases, they contract their shearing at a cost of $5\frac{1}{2}$ cents per head, plus a goat for meat per each 500 head sheared.

The cost of ranch labor is rather difficult to determine, due to the method of payment. Their method is cash and kind: the cash is from two to three pounds, \$5.74 to \$8.61 in our money; and the kind consists of various things such as clothing, meat, Christmas present and, in some cases, the right to run some stock, which is

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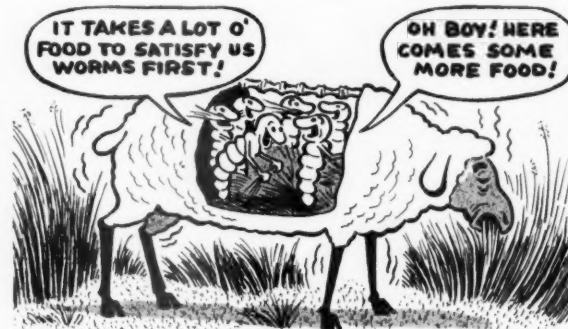
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PETE IN SOUTH AFRICA

Pete Gulley of Uvalde lands in South Africa to be greeted by his South African friends, Mr. and Mrs. Percy Theophilus. Mr. Gulley, center, had a good time, as evidenced by the biggest smile we have ever seen on his face. He declared the South African people were wonderful hosts.

always goats and never over ten head. Considering everything, I believe the average cost of ranch labor to be somewhere between \$18.00 and \$30.00 per month. This cost includes the ranch foreman, who draws more money and is always a white man.

Under the laws of South Africa, mohair can only be sold in classes, or grades, as we would call them. These classes are designated by law; and the classes of a grown fleece are Super First, First, Mixed First, Rammy, Seconds, and Lox. If the fleece did not contain all these classes, it would not be compulsory to use them all.

All mohair is classed on the ranches at the time of shearing with each fleece being handled separately. It is cheaper and easier to handle in this way, as the warehouse charge for classing mohair after they receive it is 2¾ cents a pound.

The classing of mohair on the ranches requires, on an average, one man to keep up with two men shearing. The contract crews generally average shearing a goat in approximately five minutes but the ranch labor requires a little more time.

I was on a great many of their ranches at the time they were shearing Angoras and found on all of them a shearing barn constructed of brick and concrete with a concrete floor that was kept clean at all times. I would hate to estimate the cost of similar shearing barns built in Texas, but the cost would be a considerable amount.

Method of Selling and Cost

The selling of mohair and many other farm products is regulated by law in South Africa and cannot be sold in any manner other than auction. In all auction sales of farm products the producer or his agent, the broker, has the right to refuse any bid.

Mohair, after being classed and baled on the ranch, is shipped by rail to Port Elizabeth to the broker, or warehouse, as we term them. The broker will offer this mohair in one of the various auction sales of the season. During the present season there will be six of these auction sales. The sale in which any individual producer's mohair will be offered is gov-

erned by the order in which it was received by the broker.

The tonnage to be offered in each sale is determined by the Commissioner of Agriculture and is equally divided between the brokers. In Port Elizabeth, where most of the South African mohair is sold, there are five brokers who handle mohair. Some mohair is sold in East London but the hair sold there is nearly 100% Basuto mohair. This hair from Basutoland is of a lower grade than mohair grown in the Union of South Africa.

The mohair for each sale is put on display a week or ten days before the sale in all the warehouses to provide the buyers an opportunity to inspect it. Each lot is stacked together, and all the bales cut and part of the mohair layed out either in front of the bale or on top of it.

The sale is conducted at the Wool Exchange, which is located in the heart of the business district of Port Elizabeth, some distance from the warehouses. Each broker, when his turn comes to sell, will sell all the mohair he is offering. The position or order in which a broker sells is rotated. In that way, the broker selling last in one sale will sell first in the next sale.

The total cost to the producer for selling mohair is 2½%, which is divided in this manner: Commission 2% and ½% to cover the cost of receiving and weighing, insurance and auction fees.

The South African Mohair Levy Fund

This Levy Fund was created by law at the request of the mohair growers of South Africa, and its administration is under the jurisdiction of the Secretary of Agriculture. The fund on March 1, 1957, had a balance of \$110,000 and the income for the period from March 1 to December 31, 1957, was a little over \$40,000, which included interest and producer assessments.

The assessment the mohair producer pays to this fund amounts to, in American money, approximately ½ cent per pound and must be deducted by the broker from the producer's returns.

The amount of this fund to be

spent each year and the purposes for which it is to be used is determined in this manner: The Mohair Congress, which is elected by the mohair producers, recommends to the Secretary of Agriculture the items and amounts they deem necessary for next year's expenditures. The Secretary then refers these recommendations to his Mohair Advisory Board, which is composed of mohair growers and one representative of the Broker Association. It is said that the final actions of the Secretary will be in line with the decisions of the Mohair Advisory Board, over ninety percent of the time.

This Levy Fund can be used in many different ways, the major uses being research of mohair as a textile fabric and as a blend fabric, publicity, veterinarian science, and any other problem confronting the mohair industry. The expenditures of the Levy Fund in 1957 amounted to \$14,000 and was spent in this manner: Research \$10,000, Publicity \$2,000, Scholarships \$2,000, plus administrative cost, which is estimated to be approximately 25%.

While in Port Elizabeth, I met and talked to a number of foreign mohair (Continued on page 47)

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RANCHMEN of West Texas still get a chuckle about the picture taking boys and their Javelina hog hunt below Comstock. The ranchmen grin and pass the tale along. It goes something like this:

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sive equipment were flown expensively to Texas and carted into the area below Comstock, where the ranchman and his braceros worked for a couple of days locating and herding quite a sizeable bunch of these wild peccaries or Javelina.

With all the skill and craftsmanship of long experience the picture takers set up their machinery near a cave entrance — but not too near. They were using telephoto lens. The object was to get detailed color photographs of the family life of this unusual West Texas native.

When the sun came up and the Javelinas trotted from the cave the cameras began to grind and as the sun shone more brightly and the light reflected from the brownish black bristles of the vicarious little animals the cameramen were delighted. "We've got it made! These pictures will make us famous." And they ground on through the brilliant morning hours. Then the Javelinas faded away into the shadows and the job was done.

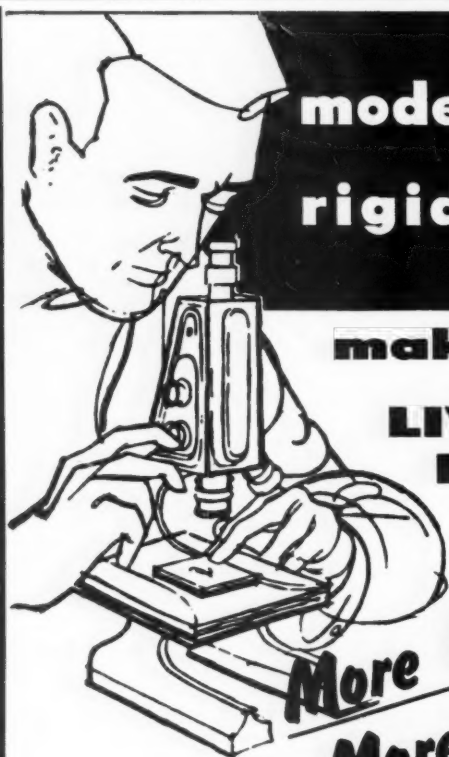
Or was it?

The two cameramen started packing their equipment; then gazed at

each other in dismay and consternation. They had forgotten to remove the dust cover from over the lens.

W. S. Orr recently sold 40 head of two-year-old does to Ganadera De-Torgay, Ltd., Casilla 160, Santiago, Chili, that brought \$100 each and in addition he sold three stud bucks for \$1,000. They were delivered by air.

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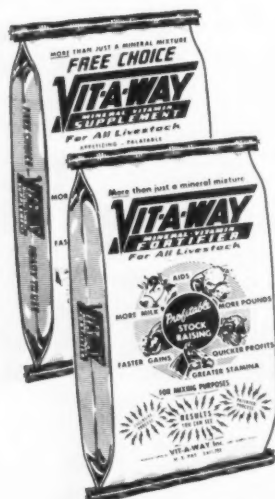
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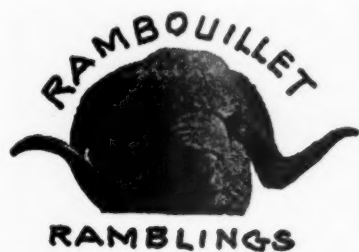
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By MRS. A. D. HARVEY

WE WELCOME Bill Nelson, 7852 La Senda Drive, El Paso, Texas; J. W. "Pete" Snider, Sundance, Wyoming; Tom Glasscock, Sonora, Texas, and Edmund Wade, Zephyr, Texas, as active members of the American Rambouillet Sheep Breeders Association.

O. A. Wright, Greenwood, Indiana, has sold two registered ewes to Bernard M. Keene, Jr., Carmel, Indiana, and one registered ram to Morris Harding, West Liberty, Illinois.

Newton H. Wright, Greenwood, Indiana, has sold three registered ewes and one registered ram to Bernard M. Keene, Jr., and one registered ram to

Michael F. Gainness, Plympton, Mass.

Joe Concho, James B. Pena, Harry Martinez, Acometa, New Mexico; Arthur Sears, Encino, New Mexico; Joy Sinuella, Cubero, New Mexico; and Joy Estevan, San Fidel, New Mexico, have bought registered Rambouillet rams from the Los Pablanos Ranch, Albuquerque, New Mexico.

The second annual Field Day and Tour sponsored by the Wyoming Rambouillet Association will be held in the Lusk community on Saturday, June 14, 1958. Host members will show good Rambouillets and will discuss their feeding and management practices. There will be a free lamb barbecue at noon.

R. L. Malone, Seymour, Texas, has sold 16 registered ewes and one registered ram to V. V. Ramsey, Garland, Texas.

The San Angelo Registered Rambouillet Ram Sale is June 26, and the deadline for entries is this sale is June 10. The office is now preparing sale rules and entry blanks to be mailed to all prospective consignors. If you have never before received these rules, and are interested in consigning rams this year, please let us know. All for-

mer consignors will automatically receive rules and entry blanks.

David Cedar & Son, Austin, Texas, has sold a registered ram to Roitsch Farms, Manor, Texas.

The advertising committee, Leo Richardson, V. I. Pierce and R. O. Sheffield, has employed Bert Reyes, a Latin American, to advertise registered Rambouillet sheep in the Latin American countries. Bert Reyes will visit ranchmen, distribute Spanish pamphlets and make TV and radio addresses.

L. F. Hodges, Sterling City, Texas, has sold a registered ram to C. L. Bost, Sweetwater, Texas.

Richard Suffel, Center Point, Tex-

as, has sold registered rams to Ralph Miller, Fluvanna, Texas, and J. T. Oehler, Harper, Texas.

Applications for registration and transfers for March and April are more than double the number during the same months in 1957. We have employed Mrs. Jimmy Tobin temporarily in the office. Those who have applications in the office can expect to receive their work soon.

V. V. Ramsey, Garland, Texas, has sold 16 registered ewes and a registered ram to East Texas State College, Commerce, Texas.

Tom Glasscock, Sonora, Texas, has sold two registered rams to Antonio Garfias, San Luis Potosi, Mexico.

Report on Trip To South Africa

(Continued from page 45)

buyers and several executives of foreign mohair firms. The buyers were there to attend the mohair auction sales and the executives were there on vacation, enjoying the fine summer weather. Some of the buyers, however, lived in Port Elizabeth. I asked of these men their opinion of anything they deemed detrimental to the Texas mohair. From their point of view the following methods and practices of the Texas mohair growers were considered to affect the price of Texas mohair, and were placed in this order by a majority of them:

Criticism of Texas Mohair By Foreign Buyers and Mill Executives

1. Capping—the practice of many of our producers of shearing early and leaving a strip of mohair along the back of the goat for weather protection. This practice was considered detrimental, whether it was sheared

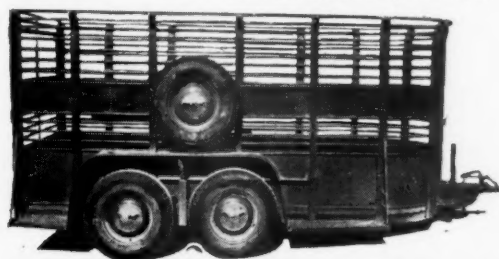
off later or left on, because it gave the fleece two different lengths.

2. The practice of using a dip that contained crude oil. I am aware of no dip on the market containing crude oil, therefore, believe this can be nothing but the use of oil on top of the water when dipping, commonly called oiling the goats. In my opinion this practice can be easily stopped by the warehouses offering all oiled mohair separately from clean mohair.
3. The shrinkage of the Texas mohair. I believe oiling could have some effect on this, too.
4. The recent use of dips that contain a substance that was very difficult to scour out.

In conclusion, I feel that I would be very ungrateful if I did not express my deep appreciation for the very friendly manner in which I was treated during my stay in the Union of South Africa. I am particularly grateful to Mr. and Mrs. Percy Theophilus, who many of you met during their visit to Texas last August. When I left South Africa, Mr. and Mrs. Theophilus asked me to convey their best regards to their friends in Texas.

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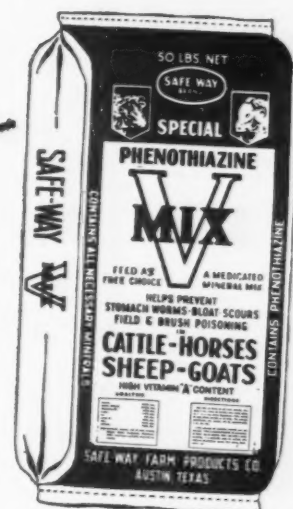
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The Cattle Situation

By ELMER KELTON



CATTLE PRICES had their ups and downs during April, but for the most part they wound up toward the end of the month just as strong as they had been at the beginning. In fact, with a few exceptions, most classes were as strong as they have been since the cattle boom started.

In the country, there has been a considerable slacking off in the contracting of calves for fall delivery. But prices haven't dropped any. Some scattered contracts have continued to be made, mostly at 28 cents for heifers and 30 cents a pound for steers. A few cases have been reported of straight-steer strings bringing 31 cents where quality was exceptional.

A break in the Chicago fat market early in April stopped a lot of Corn Belt men from contracting feeder calves. But a few kept buying, and range men didn't cut their price any. Though some sources claimed the contract market had broken, it actually hadn't. Activity had simply slowed.

"The market hasn't broken till they actually sell something cheaper," declared one San Angelo observer.

Quite a bit of publicity was given to the so-called market break in Chicago. A few top fat cattle had been quoted as high as 39 cents a pound. Then they dropped several cents. But local market observers have stated that these top prices were paid on only a few exceptional loads of cattle, and that there might have been some advertising figured in the deal. They said the prices of the general run of fat cattle did not vary in accordance with the few tops.

In West Texas, and especially in the plains country, the principal activity now is the taking up of yearling cattle on contracts. Actually, this has just started. May and June will see the heaviest runs. There's still some difference of opinion on how good these cattle will be. Wet weather through the early part of the year had many stockmen worried. Sappy feed was keeping the cattle from getting as fat as they should. Of late, however, most weeds and grass have strengthened considerably.

In the San Angelo area, cattle activity has been slight through April. It's a little early here for the yearling cattle to start to move. Most of the cattle business has been at auction.

Auction reports at the end of April

looked very much like those a month earlier. The only class hit very badly was fat cows, down possibly two cents a pound. Fat bulls remained as strong as ever.

Here is a typical San Angelo livestock auction sale report:

Fat bulls, \$20 to \$22 cwt., medium \$18 to \$20; fat calves and yearlings, \$25 to \$28, medium \$22 to \$24, common \$19 to \$21; fat cows, \$17 to \$19, medium \$15 to \$16, canners and cutters \$13 to \$14; stocker steers, \$21 to \$30; stocker heifers, \$19 to \$27; stocker cows, \$14 to \$18; cows and calves, \$175 to \$260 per pair.

Because the local supply of trading cattle is low, a lot of Louisiana-Mississippi cattle continue to be brought in for sale. A great many plain calves from those regions, brought in last year and wintered, no longer look as common as they did. Although they gave quite a bit of trouble at the beginning, those which didn't die off have come out of the winter looking like dollar signs. A good many have sold on contract for later delivery and have cinched a nice profit for their hardy owners.

Cattle began moving out of the Uvalde country early in April, as they usually do at that time. But there was a difference this year. For many years the principal destination of these wintered-over cattle was Kansas summer grass. This year a great many of them are staying in West Texas or the Panhandle, where there is plenty of range feed and a strong demand. Of those leaving the state, a very large percentage are going to Arizona and California. Kansas grass has lost a lot of business from that area.

The Department of Agriculture reported that leasing of Kansas bluestem pastures started slower than it had in many years. By April 1, only 67 percent of the available acreage had been leased. By that date a year earlier, 75 percent of it was leased. The 10-year average on April 1 is 82 percent.

Prices are down a little, too. USDA said most leases for aged steers range from \$18 to \$22 per head for the season, averaging \$20. This compares with \$20.70 a year ago and an all-time high of \$26.90 in 1952, the year the cattle industry almost went back to the Indians.

E. D. Webster & Sons of San Angelo have shipped or soon will finish shipping about 1,800 head to summer pasture near Salina, Kansas. That's a little out of the true bluestem country. They are paying \$16 per head for pasturage, with a per-head guarantee of four acres. Conditions are so fine this year that four acres are plenty. Last year the guarantee was five acres.

A generally optimistic feeling continues in the cattle industry. It is based mostly on the good rains and prospects for a wonderful range year.

"It's green all over Texas," said Jim Webster. "As long as there's feed,





WOOL COMING IN

Joe Blakeney Warehouse in San Angelo, along with other warehouses throughout the Southwest, is receiving spring wool and mohair in increasing volume. On the left is Bill Fields of Sonora, wool buyer, who is inspecting some of the current clip. Center is Al Kruger of the Joe Blakeney Warehouse.

Mr. Blakeney, right, declares that both the wool and mohair of the current clip are "excellent." The wool, he says, is the "best we have seen since 1949." The mohair has been good all along except for some clips of last fall.

folks are going to want some stock."

Some of the country's top economic forecasters, both commercial and USDA, predict a good year ahead for the cattle business. In fact, they predict at least a couple of good years, with some seasonal ups and downs, of course.

The big crowds that have been jamming the cattle auctions here the last several weeks would indicate that West Texans agree.

Several West Texas registered cattle associations have had elections lately.

The Hill Country Hereford Association in Mason re-elected Werner Henke of Kerrville president and J. D. Jordan of Mason secretary-treasurer. Kelly Schmidt of Mason was named new vice president. New directors are Raymond Winkel of Llano, James Kuykendall of Cherokee and Tom Weinheimer of Stonewall.

The Brown County Polled Hereford Association re-elected all its officers. They are Carl Sheffield of Brooksmith, president; N. M. Barnett of Melvin, vice president; and John Will Vance of Coleman, secretary.

The group, which cancelled its January, 1958, sale, decided definitely to have a sale in 1959.

The Coleman County Hereford Association elected Jim Gill of Coleman president, C. T. McClatchy of Bangs vice president and Mrs. Becky Horne of Coleman secretary. Directors are Jim Dibrell, Vernon Bullard, Pete McClatchy and Ozro Eubank.

A cow from the Jack V. Williams registered Hereford herd at Paint Rock is one of 27 new cattle in Hereford Register of Merit. She is Superior Lass 6, sired by Sam Domino and calved in 1950. Her produce has been shown for the most part by Turner & Thornton of Boerne.

The Hill Country Hereford Association will offer 86 lots of cattle in its female sale in Mason, May 20. This will include possibly 65 to 70 pairs of cows and calves along with some dry cows and heifers.

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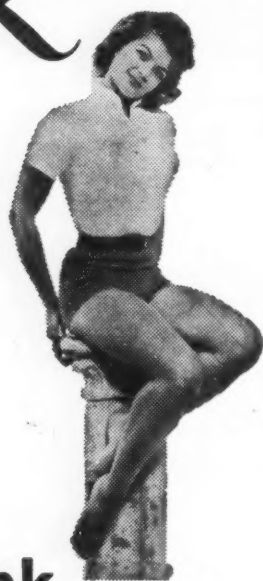
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CORRIEDALE breeders from the Southern District of the American Corriedale Association, Inc., are planning to hold their first annual show and sale in Kerrville on June 7. From all indications it will be an interesting event of its kind and draw sheepmen from all over the district, which includes the states of Texas, New Mexico, Oklahoma, Arkansas, Louisiana, and Alabama. It will afford Texas buyers an opportunity to secure some of the outstanding representatives of this breed right at home.

The show should be a unique and educational event and will be held in the Kerr County Coliseum starting on Saturday, June 7, at 9:00 A.M. The sheep will be classified according to merit as excellent individuals that will receive blue ribbons, superior individuals that will receive red ribbons, and good individuals that will receive white ribbons. Champion and reserve champions will be selected from the blue ribbon rams and ewes. Non-ribbon sheep will not be sold. The judge of the classification show will be Truett C. Stanford of Eldorado, long-time Corriedale breeder.

Rotating trophies will be offered the champions.

The sale committee is composed of Texas Corriedale breeders, E. "Sonny" Bergman, Round Mountain; E. Dean Hopf, Harper, and Crockett W. Riley, Willow City.

Miscellaneous information and a schedule of events follow:

Guarantee: The Standard American Corriedale Association guarantee will apply to all consignments.

Entries: Entries will be limited to 50 rams and 25 ewes.

A. Entries together with entry fees of \$2.50 per head must be mailed to Rollo E. Singleton, 108 Parkhill Ave., Columbia, Missouri, before May 1, 1958. A fee of 10% of the sale price will be charged in addition to the entry fee.

B. Certificates of registry on each sheep consigned must accompany this entry.

C. It is expected that consignors will nominate rams and ewes in the proportion of one ewe to two or more rams.

D. For this sale, animals may be offered in any length of fleece desired by the owner. A statement must accompany the entry giving the date on which each of the animals was last shorn.

SPECIAL RULES:

1. Individual health certificates must be furnished on each animal consigned.

2. Nominating fees paid on sheep that are cataloged but later eliminated will be retained. Substitutes of sheep of the same age and sex will be permitted. No consigner will be permitted more sheep in his pens or on the grounds than have been cataloged. Every sheep must wear the owner's eartag at the time of the show and sale.

3. The sale committee recommends that all consignments be at the Coliseum on Friday, June 6, 1958, not later than 12:00 noon.

4. Classification: Entries may be made for the following show and sale classifications:

- a. yearling ewes
- b. ewe lambs
- c. rams—two years and under three
- d. rams—one year and under two
- e. ram lambs

5. Reservations: Those wanting hotel and banquet reservations write: E. Dean Hopf, Harper, Texas.

TIME AND PLACE:

May 1, 1958 or earlier—Mail entry, together with payment of \$2.50 per head entry fee, catalog footnotes, and statement relative to shearing date, to Rollo E. Singleton, 108 Parkhill Ave., Columbia, Missouri.

May 1 or earlier—Make banquet and hotel reservations.

June 6—Noon—It is recommended that sheep be in the livestock building.

June 6—2:30 P.M.—Numbering of entries by sales committee. Each consigner is expected to be at his pens with catalog numbers in mind.

June 6—7:30 P.M.—Banquet at Blue Bonnet Hotel.

June 6—8:00 P.M.—Meeting of Corriedale breeders and the showing of the film developed by Arthur Godfrey on the Arthur King Ranch in 1956.

June 7—9:00 A.M.—Judging.

June 7—1:30 P.M.—Sale.

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IN MEMORIAM

MRS. A. S. PARKER

MRS. A. S. PARKER, 67, member of a pioneer family of the Harper area, died in the Fredericksburg Hospital and Clinic, March 1, 1958. Mrs. Parker, nee Ida Grace Bierschwale, was born at Harper in 1890, a daughter of the late Reverend and Mrs. Wm. Bierschwale. She married A. S. Parker in 1914 and had lived in the Harper area her entire life. Surviving are her husband, two sons, Vester B. and Dennis Parker, Harper; two daughters, Mrs. Gilbert Anderegg, Harper, and Mrs. Lloyd Carter, Driftwood; one stepson, Roger Parker, Driftwood; six brothers, two sisters and nine grandchildren.

MRS. J. A. WHITTEN

MRS. J. A. WHITTEN, 89, widow of the late County Judge of Schleicher County, died in a San Angelo hospital, March 26. Surviving are three sons, Lewis, Chandler and Buren Whitten, and one daughter, Mrs. D. C. Royster, all of Eldorado; also a number of grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

ROY W. FULCHER

ROY W. FULCHER, 56, died March 9 after a long illness. He was born in Runnels County in 1901, a son of Mr. and Mrs. F. P. Fulcher. Mr. Fulcher ranched between Balmorhea and Fort Stockton. Surviving are two daughters: Mrs. A. C. Weddle, San Angelo, and Mrs. James A. Turner, Deming, New Mexico; a son, Bruce Fulcher, Fort Scott, Kansas; a stepdaughter, Mrs. Lola Ann Chichester, Coleville, California; a stepson, Lt. Col. Francis Williams; three brothers, Stanley Fulcher, Big Bend Park; Clint Fulcher, Terlingua, and Aubrey Fulcher, Midland; three sisters, Mrs. W. P. Hinson, Study Butte; Mrs. Daisy Adams, Terlingua, and Mrs. Elvie Williams, Alpine.

HOWARD B. COX

HOWARD B. COX, 80, retired ranchman of San Angelo, died in his Hotel Cactus suite in San Angelo, April 11, after an extended illness. Mr. Cox was born on a plantation near Baldwin, Miss., in 1878, and came with his parents to Hico, Texas, when he was seven. He married Alma Meadows in 1901. Mrs. Cox died in 1956. He served in the Spanish-American War in 1898. Mr. Cox is said to have owned at one time approximately 6,000 sheep, 1,500 goats and 300 cattle. He was also a Palomino enthusiast and at one time owned 105 Palominos and Quarter Horses. He was the first president of the Texas Palomino Association, which was organized in 1939. He was the first mayor of Stanton in about 1907.

He was one of the organizers of a bank at Barnhart. In 1917 he was elected commissioner from the Barnhart precinct. He later purchased 15,-

000 acres of ranch land in Crockett County, about 2,500 acres in Reeves County, 15,296 acres near Marfa. During World War II Mr. Cox served on the Price Administration Board in San Angelo. He was an organizer of the Highland Hereford Sales and Rodeo and served as its president two years.

Surviving are a niece, Mrs. Alma Cox Mahon of DeLeon and two cousins, Murray Cox, Abilene, and Mrs. James Marberry, Midland. Two sons of the couple died in infancy.

MRS. EDWARD H. JONES

MRS. EDWARD H. JONES, 68, widow of the late Dr. E. H. Jones, died in Asheville, North Carolina, April 21. She was enroute to San Angelo when hospitalized. Mrs. Jones was born in Hamilton, Texas. She was professor of bibliography at Columbia University when she married Dr. Jones, who died in 1956 in San Angelo. Mrs. Jones owned the XQZ Ranch in Tom Green County, which the couple purchased in 1934.

Dr. Jones set up a \$75,000 fellowship fund at Stanford University, which Mrs. Jones maintained after his death. Surviving are a daughter, Mrs. Charles LeBoutillier of Greenwich, Conn., and two granddaughters.

CARNEY ROY WYATT

CARNEY ROY WYATT, 52, Sonora ranchman, died at his ranch home April 9, after suffering a heart attack. Born in Sonora, Mr. Wyatt had ranched in that vicinity most of his life. Surviving are his wife; one daughter, Mrs. Carney Henderson of Nederland; his mother, Mrs. Chris Wyatt; a brother, Henry Wyatt; a sister, Mrs. John Reiley, all of Sonora; also three grandchildren.

H. M. WATTERS

H. M. WATTERS, Brewster County ranchman, died March 15. Mr. Watters was born in Bosque County. He has ranched in Terrell, Presidio and Brewster Counties. Surviving are seven brothers: Will Watters, Ft. Stockton; Vernon Watters, McNeal, Arizona; Dennis and Virgil Watters of Ft. Worth; Luther Watters, Saragosa; Milton Watters, London, Texas, and Chester Watters, Brady.

W. H. LIGON

WILLIAM H. LIGON, 52, ranch foreman of Eden, died April 1 in the Shannon Hospital, San Angelo. Surviving are his wife; four daughters, Miss Frances Kathleen Ligon, Eden; Mrs. Robbin Burns, Sterling City; Mrs. R. L. Tate, Fresno, California, and Mrs. Forest Smith, Andrews; a stepdaughter, Mrs. Virginia Evans, Eden; three stepsons, Tom and Alton Humble, Sterling City, and Arthur Humble, Wilmington, California; also nine grandchildren.

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MRS. JOE B. BLAKENEY

MRS. JOE B. BLAKENEY, 72, wife of Joe B. Blakeney, San Angelo warehouseman and ranchman, died at the home in San Angelo, April 6, after a long illness. Mrs. Blakeney was born

in Gatesville. The couple lived at the Blakeney ranch near Ozona and later moved to San Angelo. Surviving are her husband, one brother, A. Y. Tillman, Burnet; two sisters, Mrs. W. J. Wilkinson, Menard, and Mrs. J. S. Allison, San Angelo; a grandson, James Krueger, and a nephew, Frank Tillman, both of San Angelo.

SAMUEL R. NAIL

SAMUEL R. NAIL, 80, Big Bend ranchman, died at Alpine, March 28. Mr. Nail moved to Brewster County in 1909 and ranched in what is now the Big Bend National Park in the Chisos Mountains. Surviving are his wife and one daughter, Mrs. John Moss.

W. P. HINSON

W. P. (POLK) HINSON, 81, President of the Chamber of Commerce of Study Butte, Texas, died April 16 in Alpine. Born in Romance, Arkansas, in 1876, Mr. Hinson came to the Big Bend country in 1896 and operated a store at Study Butte near the Big Bend National Park a number of years. He was a resident of the Big Bend National Park from 1937 until the area was made into a national park, when he moved to Study Butte, where he opened a general store. In 1924 he married Miss Ollie Fulcher of Alpine,

who survives. Other survivors are two nieces, Mrs. Ella Hill, Alpine, and Mrs. Steve Stumberg, Sanderson, and three nephews, Wayne Hinson, Del Rio; Davis Hinson of George West, and Charlie Reggins, Sanderson. He was a son of the late Mr. and Mrs. William W. Hinson. His mother was a sister of P. H. Pruett, Fort Davis ranchman.

FRED DURST

FRED DURST, 60, Mason County ranchman, died in Mason Memorial Hospital, April 23, after several months illness. A son of Mrs. Fritz Durst and the late Mr. Durst, he was born in Mason County. He ranched in the Fly Gap community. Surviving are his wife; his mother, of Fly Gap; a son, Clinton Durst, Mason; five sisters, Mrs. Elo Kothmann, Menard; Mrs. Reuben Kidd, Loyal Valley; Mrs. Olga Leifeste, Llano, and Mrs. Reseda Wilson, Panama, and one grandson.

ROBERT E. WALL

ROBERT E. WALL, 73, Sutton County ranchman, died April 17 at Hudspeth Memorial Hospital, Sonora, after a short illness. Mr. Wall was born in Sutton County. He married Nellie Kuykendall in 1916, who survives.

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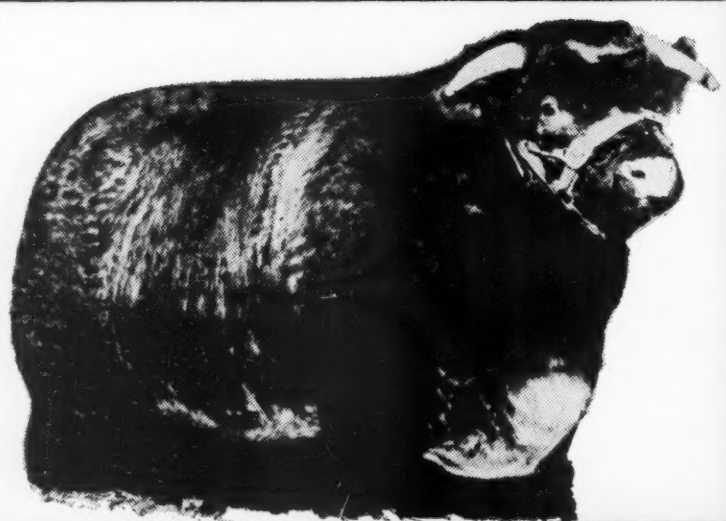
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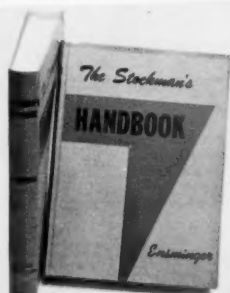
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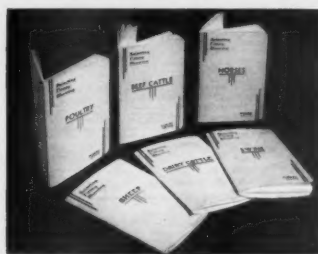
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